

# It's not about you!

## A Purpose Driven Life?

Do you ever feel like you're just going through the motions in life?

**If you Live a purpose-driven life, you will feel that you are fulfilled and satisfied.**

### **STOP**

Please help us share the message of Jesus to your friends and family on Facebook or other social media.

Common signs that indicate a lack of purpose in life, such as feeling lost or unfulfilled.

### **It also includes:**

- Feeling empty
- Neglecting personal growth
- Social withdrawal
- Difficulty making decisions
- Engaging in mindless activities
- Feelings of emptiness or meaningless
- Hopelessness
- Lack of motivation
- Lack of personal goals
- Delaying or postponing something.
- Tiredness
- You don't believe you're capable
- You're not excited about the future

## **All this is founded in self centredness**

### **BUT! It's not about you or your feelings.**

When it comes to the Kingdom of God, there is a much bigger picture.

There are many stories I could tell you about people that experienced a Purpose Driven Life.

### **The story about Joseph**

#### **Genesis chapter 37-50**

Joseph was one of Jacob's 12 sons.

His father loved him more than any of the others and gave him a coloured cloak.

His brothers were jealous of him and sold him into slavery.

He was taken to Egypt and eventually became steward to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials.

Joseph had many ups and downs.

He was arrested, put in prison. He was there for years.

But his belief was unwavering through all his sufferings, and helping the prison guard and other inmates.

After correctly interpreting the dreams of Pharaoh, however, he rises to second-in-command in Egypt and saves Egypt during a famine.

He even saved his own family from dying from famine.

So you understand that this story is not about Joseph' self Centeredness and all his needs.

## **LISTEN! It's not about you!**

Like the story about Joseph, the story of your life is not about you.

Self-centeredness has a severe impact on relationships and personal growth and is devastating.

**There are a lot of negative effects of always putting yourself first, such as strained relationships and missed opportunities.**

This even affects your family, business opportunities, and the church.

### **Ephesians 3:19**

and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

To live a fulfilling life you need to be filled with the love that God gives you.

It is the Agape love of God IN you that makes life worth living.

## **What does the Agape Love (God's kind of Love) do in your life?**

- It makes you sure that God loves you.
- It makes you focus on Jesus
- It makes you consider others' perspectives
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We need to consider others' perspectives in fostering healthy connections.

When you change your focus from your own needs to Jesus and the needs of other people, The Holy Spirit is changing His focus from leading you from the valley of death of your ego to filling the needs of the people around you and the people you meet.

In this process God will fill all your needs as well.

## **Let us take a look at King Salomon.**

### **1 Kings 3:5-13**

5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, **“Ask what I shall give you.”**

6 And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. **And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love** and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day.

7 And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David, my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in.

8 And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude.

**9 Give your servant therefore an understanding mind** to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern these great people?”

**10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.**

**11 And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,**

12 behold, **I now do according to your word.** Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.

**13 I also give you what you have not asked for,** both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days.

**Matthew 6:33-34**

**33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.**

**34 “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.**

**Luke 1:37**

**For nothing will be impossible with God.**

**This verse does not say:**

Everything will be easy with God.

**It says: For nothing will be impossible with God.**

**So you see: It's not about you.**

**It's about YOU with God.**

If you seek the Kingdom of God first, then you will have everything you need.

If you are a pastor, then seek God for how you may be a pastor with the Agape Love of Jesus.

**You need to know how Jesus would be pastoring.**

If you are an evangelist, you need to know how Jesus would practise being an evangelist.

## **Give others what you have!**

You can't give something you don't have.

### **Acts 3:6**

**6 Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you.** In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.

## **What do you have?**

Examine yourself and ask: What do I have, what are the things in my heart that I like to do in the Kingdom of God?

What you like to do in the Kingdom of God, is your calling.

Then give God your wishes and dreams for The Kingdom of God, so He can multiply it.

### **2 Kings 4:1-7**

#### **Attention:**

Facing financial hardship? Discover the miraculous solution that changed a widow's life forever.

### **Elisha and the Widow's Oil**

In a time of great need, a widow came to the prophet Elisha with nothing but a jar of oil.

Yet, through his divine guidance, she was able to fill every empty vessel she could find, supernaturally multiplying the oil to provide for her and her sons.

This incredible story shows how even in our darkest moments, God can turn our meagre resources into an abundance that meets all our needs.

**Desire:**

If you're struggling to make ends meet, take heart - the same God who provided for the widow is ready to work a miracle in your life too.

By simply trusting in His instructions and acting in faith, you can experience an outpouring of provision that will astound you.

Imagine the relief of having your debts cleared and your family's needs met, all through the supernatural power of God.

**My story about the freezer**

Many years ago I was in a situation where I did not have any money.

It was nearly christmas.

I was on my knees, praying and asking God to do a miracle.

Then the Holy Spirit asked me:

What do you have in your hand?

First I did not understand what God meant.

But then I remembered I had a freezer full of food.

I said Jesus, I have this food including a lot of meat.

Then The Holy Spirit said: Take half of the food you have and give it to a certain pastor's family.

It was already night, but I took half of the food in my freezer, then it was nearly 40-50 kilo meat.

I loaded everything in my car, and drove it to them, the day before christmas.

I rang the doorbell, and out came the youngest of 7 children opening for me.

When I told her and was going to deliver a lot of food, she started to jump up and down and run into her parents.

All the family were on their knees praying for food for Christmas.

After I had delivered this food, I never have experienced not having food on the table for my family.

**Action:**

Don't let your current circumstances define your future.

Take the first step today and discover the life-changing principles that can transform your financial situation.

This is my message that the true fulfilment comes from selflessness and genuine connections with others, when you let the Holy Spirit lead you.

**Call to Action (CTA)**

Please reflect on your own behaviours and interactions, and to share your experiences or thoughts in the comments section.

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