

Campus Church of Christ Jail Ministry
Series 1: Lesson #3
“Planned for God’s Pleasure”, Part A
from *The Purpose Driven Life*¹

Key Points summary from previous lessons

- It is not about me!
- We were born *by* God’s purpose and *for* His purpose.
- God planned every person; no one was born by “accident”.
- We discover our meaning and purpose only when God is the reference point of our lives.
- Living with purpose is living with peace.
- Our lifetime on earth is only a moment of our lifetime in eternity.
- Life on earth is a dress rehearsal for eternity.
- My view of life determines how I will live my life.
- Life on earth is both a test and a trust.
- Life on earth is a temporary assignment.
- It is all for Him!

Day 8: I was made for God’s pleasure.

Why is it necessary for us to begin our journey to purpose and joy with God rather than with ourselves?

In what way are we like God?

What does it mean to live our lives for God’s pleasure?

Anything we do that brings _____ and _____ to God is worship. (p. 64)

How is “living your whole life for God’s pleasure” different from the way most people understand “worship”?

Worship is a natural result of _____ with Jesus!
(p. 67)

Worship is not a part of your _____; it IS your _____.
(p. 66)

Prayer focus: "Father, thank you for creating me for your own pleasure! I would not even exist if you hadn't chosen to make me. If I don't get anything else done today, help me to know and love you a little bit more before I go to sleep tonight. Help me to develop a lifestyle of worship."
(² Day 8)

Verse to remember: Psalm 149:4a (TIV)
The Lord takes pleasure in His people.

Other verses to study:

Ephesians 1:5	Genesis 6:6	Exodus 20:5
Deuteronomy 32:36	Judges 2:20	1 Kings 10:9
1 Chronicles 16:27	Psalm 2:4,5	Psalm 5:5
Psalm 18:19	Psalm 35:27	Psalm 37:23
Psalm 103:13	Psalm 104:31	Ezekiel 5:13
1 John 4:16	Psalm 147:11	John 4:23
Isaiah 29:13	Psalm 105:4	Psalm 113:3
Psalm 119:147	Psalm 5:3	Psalm 63:6
Psalm 119:62	Psalm 34:1	1 Corinthians 10:31
Colossians 3:23	Romans 12:1	

Focus Point: I was planned by God for His pleasure.

To reflect on: What common task could I start doing as if I were doing it directly for Jesus?

Day 9: What makes God smile?

We have learned that bringing pleasure to God, or worshipping Him, is our first purpose, but HOW do we know what it takes to please Him?

A study of _____'s life shows us five ways that we can bring pleasure to God or worship Him:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

We _____ God if we delay or only partially _____.

Obedience _____ understanding! (p. 72)

How does simply being yourself bring pleasure to God?

Give some examples of how a gift, talent, or pleasure could be turned into something sinful.

Prayer focus: "Dear God, I want my life to bring a smile to your face. Empower me to love you supremely, trust you completely, and obey you wholeheartedly today." (2 Day 9)

Verse to remember: Psalm 147:11 (CEV)

The Lord is pleased with those who worship him and trust his love.

Other verses to study:

Ephesians 5:10

Gen. 6:8, 9

Hosea 6:6

Matthew 22:37-38

Hebrews 11:7

Genesis 2:5-6

Psalm 14:2

Hebrews 11:6

Genesis 6:22

Psalm 100:2

Psalm 119:33

James 2:24

John 14:15

Genesis 8:20

Hebrews 13:15

Psalms 116:17

Psalms 69:30-31

Psalms 68:3

Genesis 9:1, 3

Psalms 37:23

Psalms 33:15

Isaiah 45:9

1 Timothy 6:17

Psalms 103:14

2 Corinthians 5:9

Focus point: God smiles when I love and trust Him.

To ponder: Since God knows what is best for me, in what areas of my life do I need to trust him most?

Conclusion

If we do not _____ God, we will _____ something else.

An interesting thing happens when we fulfill our first purpose (to live a life that brings _____ to God) – we find real joy!

*The righteous are glad and rejoice in his presence; they are happy and shout for joy. **Psalm 68:3 (TEV)***

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¹So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life--your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life--and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Romans 12:1 (MSG)

³⁷Jesus replied, " `You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.'^[a] ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. Matthew 22:37-38 (NLT)

Jesus said, " If you love me, you will obey my commandments."
John 14:15 (TEV)

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