
Divine love on display, relationally!

Matt. 22:37 (Jesus) “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.³⁹ And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.”

1 Timothy 1:5 The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

John 13:34-35 (Jesus) A new commandment I give you that you love one another as I have loved you... By this will all men know that you are My disciples if you love one another.

John 17:21 ...that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—²³I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

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To Serve His Purposes – part 2

Joining God’s Team – part 10

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Life vision statement: By God’s grace, to step forward, as God’s man or woman, in my spheres of influence,

to serve His purposes, for His glory.

God’s primary purpose: the redemption of lost humanity

Testimony: sharing your faith story

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

The Great Commission:

Matthew 28:19 As you are going, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you...

Romans 10:14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone telling them?

We are salt and light

Matthew 5:13 You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and

trampled underfoot.

Colossians 4:5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ **Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.**

Matthew 5:14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

2 Corinthians 4:5 For what we preach is Jesus as Lord, with **ourselves as your servant.**

Matthew 5:41 If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.

The power of example in the life of the believer

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

1 Thessalonians 2:9 Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who

believed. ¹¹ For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, ¹² encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

Putting Jesus on display

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,

² to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, ³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD **for the display of his splendor.**

John 9:3 “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened **so that the works of God might be displayed in him.** ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

Romans 9:17 For Scripture says to Pharaoh: “I raised you up for this very purpose, **that I might display my power in you** and **that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.**”

Your life serves His purposes
when we serve His purposes!!!
