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Purpose & Calling: Faithful Where You Are

Discovering Your Purpose in Christ, Right Where You
Are



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A 6-section reflection guide for youth to discover their purpose as faithful life in Christ, covering identity, gifts, faithfulness, service, decision-making, and present calling.

Have you ever felt the pressure to be someone great? Maybe you've scrolled through social media and seen people your age doing amazing things—starting businesses, gaining followers, winning awards. It's easy to think that your purpose is something big and flashy, something that will make you noticed. But what if God's idea of purpose is different? What if it's not about being seen, but about being faithful? In this guide, we'll explore what it truly means to have purpose and calling as a young person following Christ. You'll discover that your identity is already secure in Him, and that He has prepared good works for you to walk in—right now, in your everyday life. Let's journey together to find freedom from the pressure to perform and rest in the purpose God has already given you.

TEACHING

Your Identity Comes First

Ephesians 2:10

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”

Before you ever do anything for God, you are already something in God. This verse says you are His workmanship—His masterpiece, His poem, His work of art. You are not created to earn His love or to prove your worth. You are created in Christ Jesus, which means your identity is wrapped up in Him. You are accepted, loved, and valued because of what Jesus has done, not because of what you achieve. This is the foundation for understanding purpose. Many young people feel they need to do something great to matter. But God says you already matter because you are His. Your purpose flows from your identity, not the other way around. When you know who you are in Christ, you are free to serve without fear of failure or rejection. You don't have to perform to be loved. You are loved, and now you get to live out of that love. Think about a tree: it doesn't strive to produce fruit; it simply abides and bears fruit naturally. In the same way, when you are rooted in Christ, your life will naturally produce good works. But those works are not the source of your worth—they are the result of your relationship with Him.

Put It Into Practice

Take a piece of paper and write down three things you believe about yourself. Then, next to each, write what God says about you based on Ephesians 2:10. For example, if you wrote 'I need to be successful to be valuable,' write 'I am God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus.'

Reflect & Talk Together

1. How does knowing you are God's workmanship change the way you see yourself?
2. What are some ways you have tried to earn your worth through achievements?
3. How can you remind yourself daily that your identity is in Christ, not in what you do?

Prayer

Father, thank You that I am Your workmanship. Help me to find my worth in being created in Christ Jesus, not in my accomplishments. Teach me to rest in Your love and to live from that secure identity. In Jesus' name, Amen.

TEACHING

God Gives Good Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

“Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.”

God has given you unique gifts—abilities, talents, and passions that are meant to be used for His glory and for the good of others. These gifts are not random; they are given by the Holy Spirit. And notice: every believer receives at least one gift. You are not left out. You have something to contribute. Sometimes we compare our gifts with others and feel inadequate. Maybe you can't sing like your friend or preach like your youth leader. But God doesn't want you to be someone else. He wants you to be you, using the gifts He has given you. The purpose of these gifts is not to make you look good, but to serve others. Verse 7 says they are given 'to profit withal'—that means to benefit the whole church. When you use your gifts to help others, you are fulfilling part of your purpose. Think about your natural interests and abilities. Are you good at listening? That's a gift. Are you creative? That's a gift. Are you athletic? That's a gift. God can use all of these for His kingdom. The key is to offer them to Him and ask how He wants to use them. You don't have to wait until you're an adult to start. You can serve in your youth group, at school, or in your neighborhood right now.

Put It Into Practice

List three gifts or talents you think you have. Then, write one specific way you can use each gift to serve someone else this week. For example, if you are a good listener, you could intentionally listen to a friend who is struggling.

Reflect & Talk Together

1. What gifts has God given you that you might have overlooked?
2. How can you use your gifts to serve others rather than to gain attention?
3. Why is it important to remember that your gifts come from God and are for His glory?

Prayer

Lord, thank You for the gifts You have given me. Help me to see them as tools to serve others, not to boast. Show me how to use them for Your glory today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Faithful in Little Things

Luke 16:10

“He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.”

We often think that purpose is about doing big, important things. But Jesus teaches that faithfulness in small things is what matters. If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in big things. This means that your purpose is not about waiting for a grand stage; it's about being faithful right where you are. That might mean doing your homework with excellence, helping with chores at home, being kind to a classmate who is left out, or showing up consistently to youth group. These may seem small, but they are significant to God. He sees your faithfulness and He values it. Think about the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:21). The master praised the servant who was faithful with a few things, saying, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.' He didn't wait for the servant to do something huge; he rewarded faithfulness in the small. In the same way, God is not looking for you to be famous or powerful. He is looking for you to be faithful in the everyday moments. When you are faithful in the little things, you are developing character and trustworthiness that God can use for greater responsibilities later. But even if you never have a huge platform, your faithfulness is pleasing to God. Your purpose is to honor Him in whatever He has placed before you today.

Put It Into Practice

Identify one 'small' task or responsibility you have been neglecting (e.g., homework, chores, or a relationship). Commit to doing it faithfully this week as an act of worship to God.

Reflect & Talk Together

1. What are some 'little things' in your life where you can practice faithfulness?
2. How does the promise that faithfulness in little leads to faithfulness in much encourage you?
3. In what areas of your life do you need to ask God for help to be more faithful?

Prayer

God, help me to be faithful in the small things. Forgive me for overlooking the everyday opportunities to serve You. Give me diligence and joy in doing even the smallest tasks for Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Serving Others Is Serving Christ

Colossians 3:23-24

“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.”

Your purpose is not just about personal fulfillment; it's about serving others. And when you serve others, you are actually serving Christ. This changes everything. When you help a sibling with homework, you are serving Jesus. When you volunteer at a local shelter, you are serving Jesus. When you encourage a friend who is down, you are serving Jesus. Paul tells us to do everything heartily, as to the Lord, not to people. This means that even if no one notices or thanks you, you can know that God sees and is pleased. You don't need applause or recognition. Your reward is from the Lord. This is so freeing! You don't have to worry about whether your service is 'big enough' or 'important enough.' You just need to do it with a whole heart for God. Think about how Jesus washed His disciples' feet—a lowly, humble task. He showed that greatness in God's kingdom is about serving, not being served. As a young person, you have many opportunities to serve: at home, at school, in your church. Look for ways to put others first. This is not about earning salvation; it's about living out your identity as a child of God. When you serve, you reflect the heart of Christ to a watching world.

Put It Into Practice

This week, perform at least one act of service for someone without telling them it was you. Do it as unto the Lord, and reflect on how it feels to serve without seeking recognition.

Reflect & Talk Together

1. How does seeing service to others as service to Christ change your attitude?
2. What is one way you can serve someone this week that you have been avoiding?
3. Why is it important to do your work 'heartily' even when no one is watching?

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for showing us that greatness is in serving. Help me to serve others with a joyful heart, knowing that I am serving You. Give me opportunities to be Your hands and feet today. Amen.

TEACHING

Seeking God's Will in Decisions

Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”

As you grow, you will face many decisions: what to study, what career to pursue, where to live, who to befriend. It's easy to feel overwhelmed and wonder, 'What is God's will for my life?' But God promises that if you trust Him and acknowledge Him in all your ways, He will direct your paths. This doesn't mean you will always have a clear sign or a dramatic vision. Often, God guides through His Word, through wise counsel, through prayer, and through the desires He has placed in your heart. The key is to trust Him with your whole heart, not to rely only on your own understanding. That means you may not have all the answers, but you can trust the One who does. As you seek to follow Christ, remember that your primary calling is to be like Jesus. Whatever you do, you can do it for His glory. So, when you face a decision, ask: 'Does this honor God? Does this align with His Word? How can I serve Him in this?' Sometimes God's will is not about a specific job or location, but about your character and faithfulness in whatever circumstances He places you. He is more concerned about who you are becoming than what you achieve. So, seek Him first, and trust that He will lead you step by step.

Put It Into Practice

Think of a decision you are currently facing. Write it down. Then, spend time in prayer, asking God for wisdom. Write down any Bible verses or wise advice that come to mind. Commit to trusting God with the outcome.

Reflect & Talk Together

1. What does it mean to 'acknowledge God in all your ways' in practical terms?
2. How can you seek God's will through Scripture and prayer when making decisions?
3. Why is it important to trust God's direction even when you don't have all the details?

Prayer

Father, I want to trust You with all my heart. Help me not to lean on my own understanding. Guide me in the decisions I face, and give me peace as I follow Your leading. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Your Present Calling

1 Timothy 4:12

“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”

You might think that your calling is something for the future—when you graduate, when you get a job, when you become an adult. But God has a calling for you right now. Paul wrote to Timothy, a young leader, and told him not to let anyone look down on him because of his youth. Instead, he was to be an example to believers in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity. This is your present calling: to live a life that points others to Jesus, no matter your age. You are not too young to make a difference. You can be an example in your school, in your family, and in your church. Your words can encourage or tear down. Your conduct can reflect Christ or contradict Him. Your love can be a powerful witness. Your faith can inspire others. Your purity can stand out in a world that compromises. This is not about being perfect, but about being authentic and dependent on God's grace. When you fail, you can confess and receive forgiveness. When you succeed, you can give glory to God. Your present calling is to be faithful in the sphere God has placed you in. You are a missionary to your school, a minister in your home, a servant in your church. Embrace that calling today. You don't have to wait for the future to live with purpose.

Put It Into Practice

Write a short 'personal mission statement' for your current stage of life. For example: 'My purpose is to love God and love others by being a kind and honest friend, working hard in school, and serving in my youth group.'

Reflect & Talk Together

1. How can you be an example to other believers in your speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity?
2. What is one area where you need to grow to better reflect Christ to others?
3. How does knowing that God has a purpose for you right now change how you approach today?

Prayer

Lord, thank You that I have a purpose right now. Help me to be an example of faith and love to those around me. Give me courage to live for You boldly, even when I am young. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Continue Abiding

As you have journeyed through this guide, you have discovered that your purpose is not about status, visibility, or achievement. It is about being rooted in Christ, using your gifts to serve others, being faithful in the little things, and living out your calling right where you are. Remember, you are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works that He has prepared for you. You don't have to strive to be someone great; you are already greatly loved. Your identity is secure in Him, and your purpose flows from that relationship. As you go from here, may you rest in the grace of God, abide in Christ, and respond in faithful obedience to His call on your life. Let your life be a reflection of His love, and trust that He who began a good work in you will carry it to completion. Go and live out your purpose, not for your own glory, but for His.



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