
Prepared to Serve: Am I Prepared to Serve?

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What's My Purpose in Life?

Draw a V Shaped Cone or Funnel
(At the Top Write in The Next 3 Principles)

To Love God

"And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment..." **Matthew 22:37–40, ESV**

To Love Others

"... And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." **Matthew 22:37–40, ESV**

To Serve My World

"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." **Matthew 20:28, ESV**

"As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." **John 20:21, NLT**

Every Christian's Purpose Will Revolve Around
Building the Kingdom of God

"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."
Matthew 6:10, ESV

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” **Matthew 6:33, ESV**

How's My Walk?

There Are Believers Who Are:

Back Sliding

Inactive



Not Active Any Longer

Tired and Wore Out

The Goal of Ministry Is to Make it

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” **Galatians 6:9, ESV**

“For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.” **2 Timothy 4:6–8, ESV**

He Fought the Fight

Life is a Battlefield

He Finished the Race

Ministry Is Best Compared to a Marathon Race

He Kept the Faith

There Is Nothing More Important Than What I Do with Jesus In
Every Part of My Life

Good Spiritual Habits Help Keep Me Spiritually and Emotionally Healthy to Serve

“Don’t you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.” 1 Corinthians 9:24–27, NLT

“I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.” *Philippians 3:14, NLT*

1. How Do I Start?

Get Connected – Get Growing – Get Going

2. I Develop Good Spiritual Habits

The Goal: That There Is No Difference Between My Spiritual Life and My Real Life

