Resolution One- Purpose

First let me tell you what your purpose is NOT

**To live for yourself!**

Rick Warren, a well known pastor in southern California, wrote a book called the Purpose Driven Life. He has sold well over 31 million copies. It deals with forgiveness, love, hope, and purpose. In his introduction he wrote, “You cannot arrive at your life’s purpose by starting with a focus on yourself. You must begin with God, your Creator. You exist only because God wills that you exist. You were made by God and for God-and until you understand that, life will never make sense. It is only in God that we discover our origin, our identity, our meaning, our purpose, our significance, and our destiny. Every other path leads to a dead end.”

[**Psalm 53:1**](https://biblehub.com/psalms/53-1.htm)The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and vile in their ways; there is no one who does good.

# Acts 26:16 ESV

**16** But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you,

Everyone needs a Damascus experience

Don’t think that I am only including preaching, teaching, and evangelism as God given purposes!!!

There are 22 gifts, roles, administrations, calling, or purposes giving in for the NT Church

1. Word of Wisdom: I Corinthians 12:8; Luke 6:9.
2. Word of Knowledge: I Corinthians 12:8; Luke 18:22.
3. Faith: I Corinthians 12:9; Acts 3:6-7
4. Gifts of healing: I Corinthians 12:9, 28; Acts 28:1-10.
5. Working of miracles: I Corinthians 12:10; Acts 6:8.
6. Prophecy: I Corinthians 12:10; I Thessalonians 5:20-21; Ephesians 4:11.
7. Discerning of spirits: I Corinthians 12:10; Luke 8:29.
8. Tongues: I Corinthians 12:10; Acts 19:6.
9. Interpretation of tongues: I Corinthians 12:10; 14:13-33.
10. Helping: I Corinthians 12:28.
11. Administration: I Corinthians 12:28; Acts 6:2-3.
12. Grace: Romans 12:6; Ephesians 3:7; 4:7; I Peter 4:10-11.
13. Ministry/service: Romans 12:7; II Timothy 1:16-18.
14. Teaching: Romans 12:7; Ephesians 4:11-14.
15. Encouragement: Romans 12:8; Hebrews 10:24-25.
16. Giving: Romans 12:8; I Corinthians 13:3; Acts 4:32-35.
17. Leadership /Ruler: Romans 12:8; Acts 13:12.
18. Mercy: Romans 12:8; Luke 5:12-13
19. Apostle: Ephesians 4:11
20. Prophet: Ephesians 4:11
21. Evangelist: Ephesians 4:11
22. Pastor: Ephesians 4:11

Act 9:5  And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: *it is* hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

### [Proverbs 16:9](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+16%3A9&version=ESV) ESV

The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.

So what is Purpose?

One person said my purpose in life is to find my purpose in life.

Purpose is what provides direction in our lives, we know that everything that we do is connected and it gives us satisfaction in living.

When you don’t live your life with a sense of purpose you are living your life without meaning – Rodney Barlow

Author Carl Townsend said, “There are 2 important days in your life: the day you were born and the day you find our why you were born.”

### [Jeremiah 1:5](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah+1%3A5&version=ESV) ESV

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

### [Genesis 1:28](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+1%3A28&version=ESV) ESV

And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

### [Ephesians 2:10](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+2%3A10&version=ESV) ESV

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

We have to understand that even in the basics our of our existence we have been created to be fruitful and to multiply. That that is the general intention for us a children of God. That gives room for everyone of us to shine!

Love- Loving God and loving others

Grow- Developing what you already have to become better, being fruitful and multiplying the gifting you already have to see them touch more, affect more, influence other more

Serve- Using your talents, ability, personality, strengths, interest, creativity, heart, insight, for making the world around you better

That’s our simple purpose here at Lighthouse

LOVE, GROW, SERVE

How do you find your purpose?:

Passion, Potential, and Profits coming together

Passion- What motivates you, things you are concerned about, what you love, even what you hate, what is on your mind and what you think about.

It doesn’t have to be one singular thing

Maybe it’s helping people, serving people, fighting injustice, art, a hobby, a ministry, a career, health and fitness, learning, teaching, building, creating, cooking, baking, entrepreneurship, music, travel.

Don’t limit yourself

**Our Deepest Fear**  
**By Marianne Williamson**

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.  
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.  
It is our light, not our darkness  
That most frightens us.

We ask ourselves  
Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?  
Actually, who are you *not* to be?  
You are a child of God.

Your playing small  
Does not serve the world.  
There's nothing enlightened about shrinking  
So that other people won't feel insecure around you.

We are all meant to shine,  
As children do.  
We were born to make manifest  
The glory of God that is within us.

It's not just in some of us;  
It's in everyone.

And as we let our own light shine,  
We unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.  
As we're liberated from our own fear,  
Our presence automatically liberates others.

Those passions and potential can be turned to profits