

Our Purpose is Essential

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John 17:13-21 NIV

True joy comes as we're connected to Christ.

"...I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them." (v. 13)

Our purpose in life is to love God by helping others to know Him.

"As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. ²⁰My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message..." (v. 18-20)

We live with purpose as we focus heavenward.

"... that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you..." (v. 21)

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2 NIV)

Questions for reflection:

1. What am I doing that I should not be doing?

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." (Romans 12:2 NLT)

2. What am I not doing that I should be doing?

"If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them." (James 4:17 NIV)

3. Why not do it today?

"...Indeed, the 'right time' is now. Today is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:2 NLT)