

Living your life on Purpose 3/5/23

Daniel 3:16-18

“Standards are a means to an end, not an end in themselves.”

“Convictions are what you would die for, standards are what you live by.”

I. THE END IS THE BEGINNING **Romans 12:1-2** AND
THE BEGINNING IS THE END **Philippians 1:6** Being
confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a
good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus
Christ.

A. To be Holy as He is Holy **I Peter 1:15-16** But as he
which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all
manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye
holy; for I am holy. **You can do all of the right things**
and not be the right person, but you cannot be the right
person and not do the right things. **Colossians 2:20-23**

1. Set apart from the world **II Corinthians 6:14-18**

- a) We are in the world **I Corinthians 5:9-10**
- b) Not of this world **Ephesians 2:1-2** And you
hath he quickened, who were dead in
trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye
walked according to the course of this
world, according to the prince of the power
of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the
children of disobedience.

c) Use the world I Corinthians 7:31, Luke
~~16:1-8~~ **Unjust steward.**

2. Set apart unto God Romans 6:10-14 If you are set apart to God, you will be set apart from the world.

B. Sacrifice

1. Should cost you something II Samuel 24:24 And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.
2. Give yourself first II Corinthians 8:5 And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. I Samuel 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

C. Find what is good & acceptable Ephesians 5:10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. *Not just what He will accept!*

1. What is good? Ephesians 2:10, Titus 3:8.14
There are a lot of things in life that are good but

not acceptable. Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

2. What is acceptable? Psalm 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer. Ephesians 5:10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.
3. What is perfect? Ephesians 4:12-15 “**Complete or mature**”

D. To be reasonable Isaiah 1:17-18 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

1. Because He made you Isaiah 43:7 Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.
2. Because He saved you Ephesians 2:8-10
3. Because He bade you II Corinthians 6:14-18

II. THE MEANS Philippians 2:12-13 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

A. Be not conformed I Peter 1:14-16

1. The world's fashion I Corinthians 7:31 And they that use this world, as not abusing *it*: for the fashion of this world passeth away.

2. The world's passion I John 2:15-17

B. Be transformed Ephesians 4:20-24

1. We are new creatures II Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2. Be peculiar people Titus 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

C. Renewing of your mind Romans 14:5 One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.

1. All your mind Matthew 22:36-40

2. The mind alone is not enough Romans 7:21-25

III. THE STANDARDS II Timothy 2:15-16, Hebrews 5:14

But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

A. Direct command John 14:15, 15:9-11 Even things like a direct command can be gray. Ex. Wine, giving divorce & remarriage. **Scriptural Application**
I Timothy 2:15 Biblical Convictions vs. Personal Convictions vs. Biblical Preferences. Do specific studies on word definitions, historical & cultural context, & cross-referencing.

B. Indirect command Hebrews 5:11-14 **Principles**

- * Old Testament principles Matthew 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. Understand the underlying principle & look for a New Testament restating of the command.
- * Practical application - I Corinthians 5:9-10 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. I Corinthians 7:31 And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away.

C. What would Jesus do? **WWJD** -

HDYKWJWDIYDKWJD Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Galatians 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

1. He does what you do! I Corinthians 6:19-20,
3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? **He** listens to the music you listen to, watches the shows you watch, looks at what you look at.
2. Would you want to be doing it when he comes?
Titus 2:12-14 **Limits on that**
3. Does it come before Him? Matthew 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. **WWJWMTD** - want me to do

D. Principle of rulership Romans 6:12,14, I Corinthians 6:12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. I Corinthians 10:23 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

1. A Christian can do anything; a godly Christian won't want to! Romans 5:21-6:2

2. Would you be willing to give it up for Him? I Corinthians 8:13 Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

3. Is it harmful? I Corinthians 3:17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

E. Avoiding the appearance of evil I Thessalonians 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil. Philippians 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.

1. Am I learning the way of the heathen? Jeremiah 10:1-2 Hear ye the word which the Lord speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. Romans 16:19 For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil. Don't let the “heathen” or the world steal God's blessings from you. Words like

gay & rainbow, afraid of being emotional, tech, etc.

2. Will it sear my conscience? Ephesians 4:18-20, I Timothy 4:2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron.

F. Responsibility to others Romans 14:13,15,21, I Corinthians 10:32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God. II Corinthians 6:3 Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed.

1. Help raise the standard Romans Romans 15:1-3
“Don’t ask others to lower their standards to yours, raise yours to theirs.”

2. Set the standard! I Thessalonians 1:5-10

G. Principle of leadership and counsel I Corinthians 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. Philippians 3:15-21, Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise. Proverbs 19:20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end. Be careful to not reject the standards and beliefs of the previous generation “Out-of-date or old-fashioned”. Build upon it. There is a reason why.

1. Not comparing yourself II Corinthians 10:12-13, I Corinthians 8:8 But meat commendeth us not to

God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse.

2. Preparing yourself Philippians 4:9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you. Hebrews 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

H. Personal standards I Corinthians 8:7 Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled. Romans 14:5,14,20,23 Much of this is based on your personality, experiences, & what you were taught.

I. Catch all Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Psalm 101:3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

J. Does it build me up or will it tear me down? II
Corinthians 10:5-6