

# **ENJOYING THE LIFE I WAS MEANT TO LIVE**

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## **Colossians 1: 15-16**

*“Everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible – everything got started in Him and finds its purpose in Him.” Colossians 1: 16 (Mess)*

### **GOD’S PURPOSE IN CREATING ME...**

#### **1. TO ENJOY A LOVING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.**

*“I am your Creator. You were in My care even before you were born...” Isaiah 44: 2a (CEV)*

*“God’s unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And He did this because He wanted to!” Ephesians 1: 5 (LB)*

*“This was His purpose: that when the time is ripe He will gather us all together from wherever we are... to be with Him in Christ forever.” Ephesians 1: 10 (LB)*

#### **2. TO EXPERIENCE AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS.**

*“God settled the relationship between us and Him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other.” II Corinthians 5: 18 (Mess)*

*“The Lord God said, ‘It is not good for man to be alone...’ Genesis 2: 18 (NIV)*

*“God’s whole law can be summed up in this one command: Love others as you love yourself.” Galatians 5:14 (LB)*

#### **3. TO DEVELOP THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST.**

*“From the very beginning God decided that those who came to Him.. should become like His Son...” Romans 8: 29a (LB)*

*“...He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love Him along the same lines as the life of His Son... We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in Him.” Romans 8: 29b (Mess)*

#### **4. TO EXPRESS MY GOD-GIVEN ABILITIES.**

*“God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well...” Romans 12: 6 (NLT)*

*“...God made us to do good works, which He planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.” Ephesians 2: 10 (NCV)*

#### **5. TO FULFILL MY PERSONAL LIFE MISSION.**

*“In the same way that You gave Me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world.” John 17: 18 (Mess)*

*“Life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus...” Acts 20: 24 (LB)*

### **HOW TO BUILD MY LIFE FOR GOD’S GLORY?**

#### **■ START NOW**

*“Live life with a due sense of responsibility, not as those who do not know the meaning of life but as those who do. Make the best use of your time...” Ephesians 5: 15-16 (Ph)*

#### **■ COMMIT COMPLETELY**

*“...Give yourselves completely to God—every part of you...to be used for His good purposes.” Romans 6: 13b (LB)*

*“A person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.” Luke 12:21 (NLT)*