

ALL SAINTS KAMPALA – 25TH JUNE 2017

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Topic: The Purpose of Life and the Benefits for its Fulfillment

1. Introduction

From time immemorial many have asked: What is the purpose of life? What is life for? Why are we here on earth and what are we here for? What's the point of all this that we are part of?

Different schools of thought have given a variety of answers. Some say that we are here to eat, live and die, period. Others say that life has no purpose at all, and it does not matter how you live and what you live for. There are still some who think that life is *nothing*! In other words they believe in *nothingness*. For them, what we think exists does not actually exist. They cannot think in categories of right and wrong. They do not believe that what is, is, or that what isn't, isn't.

2. Has Life a Purpose?

Life has meaning, and it also has a purpose. From the creation mandate of Genesis 1:28-31, and the summary of His law in Deut. 6:4-5; 11:13, it is clear that we were created to **love** and **serve** God. True love calls for action. To love God is to DO something for Him on earth. We should live in such a way that we are productive and fruitful lives. Jesus summarizes the purpose of our creation when he says, "You did not choose me. I chose you and appointed you **to go and bear fruit, fruit that lasts**" (John 15:16).

In order that we might serve Him and bear fruit, God equipped us with the body, time, possessions, talents, knowledge and ability to reason, and skills.

3. The Attributes of the Fruits we Should Bear

Whatever we do in showing Him love and serving Him should be:

- a. Lasting - The best of life is to live it for something that will outlast it. Your life and legacy should stretch far beyond your lifespan.
- b. Pleasing and glorifying God.
- c. Beneficial to humanity. Promote people's well being: Mathew 25:31-40 talks about service to humanity in this way:
 - Giving food to the hungry and a drink to the thirsty.
 - Giving a home to the homeless.
 - Clothing the naked.
 - Visiting the sick and those in prison.

4. The misconception

Some would tell you that their goal is to make money, or get a PhD, or construct a magnificent building, or rare thousands of cattle. Whereas these are good deeds, they are not the ultimate end. They are (or should be) only means to an end. Making a lot of money should not be your goal. What you need money for, ultimately, is what is important. In most cases, by the way, money is only one of the steps towards the ultimate goal. So a smarter question to a money maker would be: What is it do I need money for? That for what you need the money is the most important. The same applies to all other things we crave for. What do you want that PhD for? What is the purpose of the building you are putting up? What is it going to accomplish **for God**? Of what benefit will it be **for humanity**?

5. The Reward – Benefits of Serving God (Deut. 11:13-16)

- a. Blessings from God – these can stretch very far in your line.
- b. Happiness – a sense of satisfaction – of a well lived life.
- c. Eternal joy – God promises to reward all of us according to how we have served Him while here on earth (Mat. 25:31-40; 2 Cor. 5:9-10).

Conclusion

A well lived life is possible, but we cannot achieve it apart from God's own blessing and enabling. Mend your relationship with God, serve Him faithfully, and He will bless you with an abundant life, and thereafter, eternal joy.

God bless you!