

Sermon Notes

Change the Purpose of Your Life

1 Peter 4:1-6

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4:1 Arm yourself with the thinking, serving God's purposes is worth it.

4:2 Live no longer for the desires of humans, but rather live for the will of God.

4:3 The time which has already passed is sufficient to have achieved the purpose of the pagans - fulfilling sinful desires.

Whether you have lived a massively sinful lifestyle, or just have the general tendency to give in to your desires, we are all encouraged to put that course of life behind us.

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Is there some behavior you sense that you should be done with?

What would it look like for you to move toward being a holy vessel?

4:4 The pagans may be surprised you do not participate with them in their debauchery, and they may demean you.

4:5-6 Those who judge you now will give an account to the Judge.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

Suggested related reading: Ephesians chapter 5

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Application questions for 12/31/17 sermon

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(Try to have everyone answer this question.)

What is something that in the last couple months you have said you wanted to work on, and how are you doing with that?

(Try to have everyone answer this question.)

Imagine a fork in the road. One path is the path God wants you to walk down; it is the path of doing His will and fulfilling His purposes, no matter what. The other path is the typical path people walk down; it is the path of doing what you want, and the purpose is just pleasure, “happiness”. Which path are you going down, and why? Are you trying to jump back and forth between them, and if so, what would it look like to decidedly choose which path?

What do you think makes serving God’s purposes worth it, even if it makes you uncomfortable, even if you suffer? It would be great if you could give a specific example of something you might do to serve a purpose of His, something negative that may happen to you, and the perspective you would have that would make it “worth it”.

What sorts of things did you use to do that you enjoyed, that many humans enjoy, that you have given up to live for the will of God?

(Try to have everyone answer this question.)

Is there some sin or sinful desire that still pops back up in you? If so, what do you do to fight it? What else might you do to try to finally put that in your past?

Is there something you do for pleasure, maybe you’ve never even thought of it as “sin”, but most of the other people of this culture do for enjoyment, that you should consider, and ask God, whether God wants that thing in your life or not?

What would you do differently if your goal were to be a holy vessel?

Is there anyone you expect would come against you, if you are totally living totally God's way? Maybe there already is someone disappointed with you, or demeaning you for living God's ways. How do you deal with that - what perspective, what response (to them, or actions without speaking)?

(Try to make it to this question, and have everyone answer.)

When you stand before the Lord, what do you want to be able to tell Him about the way you lived?

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.