



Big Idea: Determine to live this life on purpose from God.

-- In the opening line of this letter, Paul identifies himself by setting forth his chief **PURPOSES** in life.

1.) Live as a **SERVANT** of God (v. 1a)

-- Paul identified himself first and foremost as servant of God because that is the most desirable title of all (Philippians 3:4-7, Psalm 84:10).

-- Like Paul, being a servant of God ought to be our greatest honor and highest ambition and in life.

-- Every member of the church is a **MINISTER** of Christ (Ephesians 2:8-10).

-- Can you sincerely say that you long to live as someone else's servant?

-- If we are to live out God's will, we have to remind ourselves constantly that we are called to servanthood.

-- Our mission statement at FBC expresses our purpose of servanthood with the phrase, **REACHING OUT**

-- Living life on purpose means acknowledging that, wherever we are and whatever we do, we are servants of Christ.

2.) Live so that others might **BELIEVE** in Jesus (v. 1b).

- **ELECTION** is a good and necessary doctrine, because it assures us that God is entirely sovereign over the salvation of all His people.
 - The elect includes any and all people who have been saved by grace through faith on the basis of Christ's atoning death and resurrection.
 - The Greater Glory of God in Election: God is entirely **SOVERIGN** over the salvation of people who **CHOOSE**
 - Anyone anywhere could join the elect at any time by repentance of sin and faith in God through Jesus Christ.
- From an eternal perspective, what on earth could possibly be more **MEANINGFUL** than gathering souls unto eternity with Christ? (1 Cor. 9:22-23, Rom. 9:2-4, 2 Cor. 5:20, Luke 9:25, 15:10).
- Both as individuals and as the church, we cannot honor our calling as servants of God without complete commitment to courageous witness.
- Our mission statement at FBC expresses our purpose of evangelism with the phrase **SENDING FORTH**
- Living on purpose for God means living as God's servants, and living as God's servants requires sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ!