



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 to SERVE God (v. 1a).

-- v. 1a – *“Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ...”*

-- Living life on purpose means acknowledging that, in all things, we are servants of the Savior who redeemed us by His blood.

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

-- v. 1b – *“... for the sake of the faith of God's elect...”*

-- It is impossible to live with utmost meaning without an active passion to be used of God to see the salvation of the lost.

3.) Live that others might be TRANSFORMED by truth (v. 1c).

-- v. 1c – *“...and their knowledge of the truth—which accords with godliness...”*

-- Truth is absolutely essential to God. It should, therefore, be of utmost importance to us who serve Him (Proverbs 12:22).

-- We are called to advance God's truth so that others might become holy.

-- **SCRIPTURE** is essential for a transformed life.

-- To be holy as God is holy, we must know and apply God's Word.

-- Psalm 119:9, Psalm 1:1-3, 2 Peter 1:3, John 17:17

a.) Scripture is our spiritual nourishment (Deuteronomy 8:3).

b.) Scripture is a **MIRROR** (James 1:23-24).

- c.) Scripture is a light (Psalm 119:105).
- d.) Scripture is a sword (Hebrews 4:12, Ephesians 6:11-17).
- e.) Scripture is a **SEED** (Luke 8:5-15).

3.) Live that others might be **TRANSFORMED** by truth (v. 1c).

- In His sovereign wisdom, God has decreed that His Word planted in His people by His Spirit is the only path to true godliness (1 Timothy 3:16).
- Scripture is our only hope for sanity in society, salvation of sinners, sanctification of the saved, and strength against Satan's schemes.
- To live on purpose from God, we must study, know, practice, and proclaim God's truth to a world lost in deception (Phil. 1:9-11).
- At FBC, we highlight this purpose in the phrase **BUILDING UP**

Summary

- Live in such a way that as many as possible will come to saving faith in Christ on account of the Spirit's Work in us.
- Live in such a way that **HOLINESS** grows not only in you, but in the lives of everyone God places in your path.