

“Raising Up Game-Changers”

LifechurchX Growth Track

Introduction – Have you ever thought, “There has to be more... Why am I here?” Have you wondered whether or not your life even mattered? While philosophers and ideologies have attempted to answer these questions for thousands of years, none have been able to come up with answers that have stood the test of the ages. As a creation’s purpose is only understood through its creator, so the destiny of mankind is only discovered by the one true God, Creator of heaven and earth.

The purpose of this 4-step eXercise is to help you uncover what the ultimate authority on this subject (the Bible) has to say. If you want to live a life of purpose and passion, which God has created you for, then let’s go on a journey together to unlock some of the foundational principles that will lead you to become the person God has created you to be... a Game-Changer in this world for Him!

Note – You’ll notice every X is capitalized. It’s not due to poor grammar! Lol. The X at the end of our name denotes an X-factor, defined as “a change agent in any situation that impacts the outcome more than anything else.” That’s what we believe a Game-Changer looks like!

1. Discover (Day 1)

Have you ever wondered if your life really mattered... “Would the world really notice if I wasn’t here?” Are you like me and you’ve tried to fill your quest for life’s meaning through worldly pursuits—like money or social status—and been left empty? What if the reason you keep coming up empty is because you’re looking in the wrong place? What if finding your purpose is less about “what” you’re pursuing and much more about “who” you’re pursuing?

The Bible makes it clear from beginning to end that God has a unique plan for each of us. Just like a product that’s custom-made for a specific job, God has custom-made each of us for a specific purpose. Once I discovered that God had a plan for my life, it lit me on fire! Not only does He save us, but the all-powerful, one-and-only, true God also has a unique plan for each of our lives. The Bible says God chose us, in Him, before He formed the foundations of the world (Ephesians 1:4). You may have been born in a

particular calendar year, but God's purpose for your life existed before you were born... even before the heavens and earth were created.

We all tend to make up plans for our lives based on what we want, but when the Lord directs our steps, that's when the best stuff happens—because God's plans for us are always good (Jeremiah 29:11). No matter how grand the plans are that we try to come up with for our own lives, they will never compare to His plans for us because He is a God who does exceedingly abundantly more than we could ask or even think (Ephesians 3:20)!

So, as we start this journey to discover and walk-in God's purpose for our lives, we must understand that this is a life-long process that will be fully realized in Heaven one day. But we start here, by turning away from the world, and from being in control of our own lives, so we may surrender entirely to Christ. When we do that, we are made alive in Christ and given a new nature so we can effectively walk out our destiny. Have you made that choice, to give your life to the Lord? If not, let's do that now by confessing Jesus as your Lord and Savior (Romans 10:9) so that you may be made alive through His Spirit. Just as we must choose to accept Christ as our Savior, we must also choose to walk out our God-given purpose. Are you willing to choose His plan over your own? If your answer to both of these questions is yes, let's move on together and continue to explore this amazing purpose that God has for you!

Scriptures Day 1

- 2 Timothy 1:9
- Jeremiah 29:11
- Jeremiah 1:5
- Psalms 139:13-16

2. eXplore (Day 2)

There is a unique design within each of us that our loving Father hand-crafted when He made us. At times, Like Abraham, we may doubt our worth or ability to do all God is calling us to do. But it's important to remember: God did not make any mistakes when He created us, and He created us with our specific destiny in mind.

Yes, we make mistakes—especially when we seek to find direction and fulfillment outside of God. But God is a God of precision. He uses everything about our lives quite purposefully...even our mistakes. Did you know He even uses the generation we're born into and our geographic placement on earth as part of His design? It's true (Acts 17:26)! The fact is, we can trust Him with every detail of our destiny.

Each of us has a unique make-up. We have individual personalities, gifts, and passions. These parts of our unique make-up are from the Father, and they give us direction for our purpose. What are some of the unique gifts and passions that burn in your heart? Are they lying dormant or are they thriving in your life? As our gifts and passions are put to use for God, and we continue to mature in our faith, we become most effective in our lives for God.

Yes, God has a work for all of us to do, but it's not really for us. It's for Him, to bring Him the glory He deserves. It's true that we are most fulfilled when we're walking it out, but God's design for our purpose is way bigger than just how it affects us. It's also for the benefit of others. As we walk obediently in our purpose, we become valuable instruments (Romans 6:13) in God's hands who can help others find Christ and grow in their purpose, as well.

As you seek to gain clarity around your purpose, ask yourself some helpful questions. Where are my gifts and passions? Is my highest aim to bring myself pleasure or bring God glory? Am I seeing through a limited viewpoint of my life only, or am I seeing outside of myself, how God is using me to impact others?

Scriptures Day 2

- Ephesians 2:10
- Ephesians 4:8
- Romans 12:4-8
- 1 Peter 4:10
- 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 NLT

3. Empower (Day 3)

Now that you have some ideas about your gifts and calling, what do you do with them? First of all, true, holy callings are created in the Heavenly realm. Therefore, it makes sense that we would require a supernatural empowerment to walk that calling out. But where does this kind of power come from? Only a supernatural God!

The Bible says we must walk in the Spirit just as we've been made alive in the Spirit (Galatians 5:25). Spirit means "breath or wind; to blow." You see Man comes alive in Genesis, as God *breathes*, or *blows* life into him. Likewise, when we come to Christ, we are made alive in the Spirit. But to walk in the spirit, we need that breath blowing over our lives every day, guiding our paths and empowering us in our purpose.

So if the Word is true (and it is), then God will supply all our needs, including the empowerment to walk out the purpose and plans that He created us to accomplish! Look at the disciples, for eXample. They were told, before doing anything, wait in the

Upper Room until they were endued with power. Even Jesus, after being baptized, had the Holy Spirit come upon Him before beginning His life of public ministry. Let's face it...if HE received the Holy Spirit to empower Him in His calling (Luke 3:22), then we definitely need that!

Fortunately for us, God will freely give His Spirit to those who truly want Him and the power He offers (Luke 11:13). Sadly, some people say they want His Spirit, but when it comes down to it, they're ashamed or embarrassed by what others might think. So ask yourself, "Do I truly want everything God has for me, even if it costs me the approval of others"? If your answer is "yes," then it's just a matter of asking Jesus to baptize you in the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11).

The fact is, walking in supernatural power may cost you something. But be encouraged, no matter what the earthly price is, the heavenly reward is worth every bit of it!

Paul said "I am who I am by the grace of God and I do what I do by the grace of God" (1 Corinthians 15:10). Grace is God's unmerited power and favor transferred or imputed into our lives. We can't receive grace without having faith for it first (Ephesians 2:8), and our faith comes by hearing God's Word and believing it's true (Romans 10:17). The same grace that saves us is the same grace that empowers us to live the life of purpose we're created for.

When we tap into this power and allow it to be expressed through our lives, it actually becomes the Game-Changer in our world, through us. That is the church being the church we were intended to be and transforming culture. The whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one but Christians are given power over the enemy through Christ. It is our holy calling to set the tone and sway the culture, not succumb to its dark allure.

But we can't do any of this without His power. God wants to do great and mighty things (Jeremiah 33:3) through us, but none of it will be accomplished by our own strength. He accomplishes it by the power that works in us... His Spirit (Ephesians 3:20).

Are you trying to live a life of purpose in your strength or have you placed your trust in His strength?

Scriptures Day 3

- Acts 1:8
- Matthew 3:11
- 1 Corinthians 15:10
- Ephesians 1:11 MSG
- Ephesians 3:20

4. Mobilize (Day 4)

Once you truly discover that God has a purpose for your life, you're ruined for the world's pleasures. As you continue to grow and mature in your God-given calling, there's something you must always be aware of. There is an enemy who is prowling, like a roaring lion, who wants to derail you and stop you from accomplishing your destiny. Praise God, we don't have to fear our enemy because Jesus already overcame him and He has given us His "overcomer" nature (1 John 5:4)! So, we must pursue our calling aggressively, not casually! Go forth, as Paul says, "bound in the Spirit"... tethered to God's purpose for you and let nothing separate you from it. Like Joshua said, "As for me and my house, we WILL serve the Lord!"

To mobilize in your calling, you must first find a place to start, and the best way to begin is to just step out, boldly, into an area that you feel drawn to by the Spirit. There's great power in taking that first step, because one step leads to another.

A life of faith requires risks. Don't back down from stepping into places that force you to trust God at new levels. Do the things He leads you to that you know you can't do in your own strength and watch Him show up!

Actively seek out places to give eXpression to your purpose by serving in your local church, activating your gifts within your community, serve others through your career and in your home. Understand that you may have to cut some other things loose to make room for things that are purposeful. And know that it's never too late. No matter where you are in life, if you're still breathing, you still have purpose!

Jesus said He came so that we would have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10). *Abundance* means "to gush over or overflow with eXcess." God's purpose for our lives is way bigger than us. He wants to fill us with His Spirit to a point of overflow so we can be a blessing to the world around us! God told Abraham that He would bless His people so they could be a blessing. The blessing didn't stop with them... It was designed to gush over, onto others (Genesis 12:1-3)!

We truly flourish in our purpose when we live to serve and not to be served. The essence of our calling is that it's not all about us. We are here to build His Kingdom, not our own. When we seek how our lives can be used in this way, rather than for our own pleasures, we have now effectively been mobilized in our calling!

Scriptures Day 4

- Joshua 24:15
- Philippians 3:12-14
- Acts 20:22-24
- John 10:10

- Matthew 20:28
- Mark 9:35

Closing:

We are so eXcited for you to complete *Raising-up Game-Changers!* Congratulations on making a great start! To continue growing, you can always avail yourself to more of our online resources.

So much of maintaining the orientation of your walk has to do with being firmly planted in the Body of Christ. Having roots in the local church is a key to flourishing (Psalms 92:13). Have you established a healthy roots system yet? We can help you with that too!

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