



### ***Living Out God's Vision!***

*CtK exists to connect all people to the life-giving message of Jesus, as we experience God, find freedom, discover purpose, and make a difference in our world.*

### **Day 13, Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> —Discover Purpose**

***Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people...***

***Ephesians 6:7 NIV***

If you ask me a general question about 'purpose in life,' my first thought would be 'what part of my life?' I think most people would say that in different seasons of their lives they've had different purposes. I would agree with that on the surface—my purpose as a beginning teacher was quite different from that of a 39 year veteran teacher. My purpose as a young mother of toddlers was again dramatically different from my purpose as the mother of adult children with children of their own. In each of those stages, my purpose was often seen in the specific actions that were appropriate for that season. But all of that was looking at purpose from a worldly perspective.

Over the years, I have taken all types of surveys, determined my spiritual giftedness and found where I fit within the five-fold ministries. I've used those tools to plug into ministries and support different outreach opportunities. Each time I would plug into an opportunity to serve, I found purpose.

As I've grown in Christ, I've begun to see my purpose from an eternal perspective—to praise my God and to serve others in the way God has called me to. I think that's why the passage from Ephesians 6 touches my heart so deeply. Our purpose is to serve wholeheartedly—giving everything we've got—as if we are serving our God, and not people. Whether the task is great or small, whether we like the person we are serving/working with or not, none of that matters! We are called to do our very best as if we are doing it for God. So if we see a piece of trash in the hallway, we pick it up because we are doing it for God. If we are helping someone that is ill make it to the bathroom, we offer them dignity—we are doing it for God. We do nothing half-way—we are doing it for God!

Whatever you see as your worldly purpose, there is an overriding purpose: do whatever it is as if you are doing it for God. That one thought gives enormous purpose to every simple, single thing we do each day.

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*Heavenly Father, I acknowledge that no part of my day is left to chance, but that you have a plan that will present opportunities for me to find purpose in serving you as I'm serving others. Challenge me when I give less than my best; open my eyes to any time I am being half-hearted in my approach to a task or situation. Never let me forget your son gave his all for me through his sacrifice on the cross. In your holy name. Amen.*

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