



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 6, Friday, August 11th —Discover Purpose

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:1-5 ESV

Another method for understanding the opening passage is this: The Holy Trinity (God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit) are a plane. We are the fuel for the plane. We start out in a simple plane, which barely gets off the ground. As we follow the principles Jesus taught to his disciples, get closer to God, and develop our purpose the plane changes. It becomes bigger, better at flying, more fuel efficient, able to provide more lift, etc. We can't lift ourselves up, no matter how much we may try. Nor can we fly on our own. We can fall pretty well though. Before each of us was born, God gave us our spiritual roles. It's sad when many never realize their roles, purpose, or gifts. The more you develop the roles and spiritual gifts, the more lift your plane achieves. The higher you fly. The closer to God you fly, the more roles you uncover, and the stronger your purpose becomes. God upgrades you to a new plane. A new model that is even more efficient, streamlined, and able to carry others to great heights.

Look to other church members for examples on roles, gifts and purpose. Pastor Craig has at least three developed spiritual gifts. Ask him about his purpose.

Roles and gifts are often difficult to strengthen once revealed. It takes work and patience. Do not be discouraged if yours are slow to develop. Ask for help. There are many at CtK who will help you on your journey. You will not have them all at once. You start with one, and then build into the others as you become what God and Jesus built you to be. Never try to be something you are not. No fruit is better or worse than another fruit. Neither is one purpose the same as another purpose. We are all disciples with a unique purpose.

We are all sinners. As you progress with your spiritual purpose, those sins start to fade away. You act differently. You become something different. You are blessed. Jesus died on the cross for our sins. We have many opportunities to grow; no matter how many times we mess it up or we depart from the plane.

Grow your purpose; pray about it. Then sit back and listen for God. He will reveal your purpose to you. You just have to stop talking and listen.

Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus – The great Shepherd of the sheep – with the blood of the everlasting covenant, equip you with all that is good to do His will, working in us what is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ. Glory belongs to Him forever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:20-21

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