

# What If I Lived with Purpose?

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## 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. 16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

A Life of Purpose for a Christian...

## 1. BEGINS WITH DENYING SELF

### 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 17

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### Acts 20:22-24

22 "And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. 23 I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. 24 However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me — the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.

### Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me...

## 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

19... You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price...

## Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

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## 2. IS PROVEN AUTHENTIC THROUGH SERVICE TO OTHERS

### 2 Corinthians 5:18, 20

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## Mark 12:29-31

29 "The most important (commandment)," answered Jesus, "is this... '30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

## John 21:16

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

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## 3. IS NURTURED BY INTIMACY WITH CHRIST

### 2 Corinthians 5:14

Christ's love compels us...

## John 13:21-25 (Billy spoke of this beautiful passage last week)

21 After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray me." 22 His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. 23 One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. 24 Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means." 25 Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?"