

GOD CHOSE YOU FOR A *Purpose*

God's purpose is crystal clear: You were created to passionately love God and deeply love others. Or to say it another way, you were made for a "heart on fire, life on purpose" extraordinary life of impact as a Kingdom Laborer.

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: love each other."
—John 15:16-17

God chose you for a purpose. He has chosen you as well to "ring out" His good news message with your life in a way that draws others to Christ and puts Him on display. And you'll do just that as you...



1 LIVE BY FAITH

Kingdom Laborers are chosen to live and work by faith. The believers at Thessalonica were commended for their "work produced by faith" (v. 3). The Kingdom fruit they produced was not accomplished by trusting a plan and method they came up with, but by trusting the plan God gave them—one step, one day, one person at a time. Living by faith requires trusting God in every idea, plan, conversation, and decision. Faith means walking with God, not getting ahead of Him or lagging behind. Living by faith is to listen intently, wait patiently, and respond quickly to God's opportunities and instructions to love.

2 LABOR IN LOVE

Kingdom Laborers are chosen to labor in love. Love is what compelled the believers at Thessalonica to serve others. A host of motivations can drive the reason we serve others: self-satisfaction, duty, pride, pity, guilt, and even feelings of superiority. But none of these represent Jesus. It's love that compelled Jesus to live among us, to die on the cross for us, and to raise us with Him from death to life. That's why getting up close and staying up close to Jesus is so important in fulfilling our purpose—loving others with God's love in us is the only way others will experience God's love through us.



3 WALK BY THE SPIRIT

Kingdom Laborers are attuned to the Holy Spirit in prayer and learn to listen and obey what the Spirit is saying, asking, leading, and urging. "Since we live by the Spirit," Paul says to the Church in Galatia, "let us keep in step with the Spirit" (Galatians 5:25). That's not just a good way to labor for God's Kingdom, it's the only way.

God chose you for a purpose. He wants to free you, equip you, and engage you in His Kingdom purpose in ways that activate and excite you; not discourage and drain you. That's why Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

The yoke Jesus places on you isn't weighty. It's right-fitting, gentle-teaching, and rest-giving. Life up-close to Jesus will energize, encourage, and empower you to fulfill His Kingdom purposes. The Apostle Paul said, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1). And nothing is more freeing than walking intimately with Jesus in the plans and purpose He has for you!

KNOWING GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE SETS YOU FREE!

