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INTRODUCTION

In a world where distractions abound and goals can sometimes seem elusive, the concept of living with intention provides a guiding light. "Living with Intentions" is an exploration of how purposeful living aligns with both personal and our calling has it was preordained by God. And I encourage you the readers to infuse your daily lives with clarity and meaning, as you embrace the journey of living a successful and a significant life.

Proverbs 16:3 (NIV) says, "**Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.**" This verse reminds us that, aligning our actions with a higher purpose not only guides our journey but also strengthens our resolve, it release you of stress, pain,

confusion and disorderliness as we climb the ladder of life, By integrating such wisdom into your lives, you can cultivate a path of deliberate choices and actions that resonate with your core values, divine guidance and living a life that please your maker.

In this ebook, I delved into practical strategies and spiritual insights to help you live with intention. I explore how purposeful living can transform and change the world around you.

For success is not by achievement but by living a productive and impactful life.

Whether you seek personal development or spiritual fulfillment, "Living with Intentions" provides a framework for achieving a life that is both meaningful and aligned with your deepest aspirations.

CHAPTER ONE

WHAT IS PURPOSE

"Purpose is the reason you journey.
Passion is the fire that lights your way." - Stephen Simon

In my last few years, I was like any young person confused about what PURPOSE is and WHAT to do in life. **Purpose is the answer to your why, Purpose is the answer you give to the questions of life,** Because life will actually test you and it demands you prove it with your reason for existence.

To your greatest amazement, everyone is actually living on a purpose, just that it might not be the original intent for their life before the discovery of the their purpose, and that causes pain, sorrow, jealousy, attack and unfulfilled destiny. Purpose refers to the reason for which something is done or created, or the reason someone exists. It signifies the underlying

intention or goal that drives actions and decisions. Purpose provides direction and meaning, helping individuals and entities understand their role and contributions, Every manufacturing company has a definite intent and purpose behind every product, and in your case, the manufacturing company is God (Genesis 1:26).”

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) offers reassurance about God's purpose for us: “**‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’**” This verse underscores that your purpose is part of a greater divine plan, aimed at your well-being and fulfillment, it already preplanned and preordained by God.

● *Purpose is what you live for.*

- *Purpose is the prophecy that initiated your birth.*
- *Purpose is the solution you are born to provide.*

NOTE: *Purpose is not solely defined by the actions you take(What you do), but by the deeper questions and needs that your actions address...*Romans 8:28(NIV), it states, "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." God want you to live for him and explore you!.

CHAPTER TWO

PURPOSE AND TIME

"Time is the canvas on which purpose is painted" -
Stephen Simon.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. This scripture emphasizes that every aspect of life operates within a framework of time, and this framework is essential for the expression of purpose. The verse highlights that "to every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven," suggesting that purpose finds its full expression through the progression of time.

Time and chance often affect those who neglect the path of purpose. Once you're on Earth (time), you must live with a sense of purpose. That's why anyone without a sense of direction often experiences distractions—

they are simply passing through time. If you can't control and manage time, time itself will control you. Time needs your clarity; it needs those who can give it purpose and manage it well.”

**Ephesians 5:16 Redeeming the time,
because the days are evil.**

This bible passage encourages you to make the most every opportunity due to the challenges and moral complexities of the times.

Managing time effectively while fulfilling one's purpose is a practical application of this principle, As young people, you have enough resources (grace, strength) to squander, but we can still use them correctly in the area of our purpose. therefore:

- **Always prioritize activities that contribute meaningfully to your goal.**
- **Clarify your life's purpose or mission. Understanding your core values, don't just do anything anyhow.**

- **Plan Strategically, Create a detailed plan that aligns with your purpose. Break down your goals into actionable steps and set deadlines. Daily, weekly, and monthly plans.**
- **Avoid Distractions and time-wasting activities can detract from fulfilling your purpose. Implement strategies such as time blocking and setting boundaries to stay focused.**

By acknowledging that time is a valuable and limited resource you will produce a genuine result and growth.

CHAPTER THREE

PURPOSE AND VALUE

"The value of a life is measured not by its length,
but by the impact made while fulfilling its purpose." - Stephen Simon.

In chapter one I made you to understand that Purpose gives direction, but it's through action and commitment that we turn our purpose into real value.

When I discovered what I'm about to share now I rejoiced because I discovered that my life embraced the path to greatness. It's possible to give your purpose value, that is, making it useful to society and God.

Once purpose is given value it enhances the quality of your life. If what you call your purpose right now cannot be given value check it again, that may not be your purpose.

Every purpose has value after refining it.

To turn your purpose into value, you will have to first refine it (acquire detailed knowledge

and understanding) and then turn it into a product, either into video clips, hard copy books, articles, quotes, audio mp3s, and videos. Package it with excellence in a way that is transferable. That is, for people to access to it.

And you have to go to YouTube, telegram, or Google, search for relevant website having the needed content, and pick a topic related to the niche you are called into (Ministry, Music, Fashion, Sport, Education, Family Life, Politics, Art, Entertainment, Marketing, Media, Leadership, Catering service), etc. Download up to 50 -100 teachings whether audio or video on one topic and listen to them. Choose not to be lazy, and be determined. However, don't disseminate your growth process, stick to a part and explore the depth of it before moving to another.

One of the major reasons many believers only have a speck of ideas with no depth in a

particular area is that many listen to sermons randomly. Going for the trend all the time won't help. And it is not a healthy way to grow in this kingdom. Get books and tapes to refine yourself. **You are your purpose.** The depth you are refined is the degree to which your purpose will become valuable to God and men.

Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

CHAPTER FOUR

PURPOSE AND RELATIONSHIP

"Who you choose to relate with is often a mirror of your purpose"

. - Stephen Simon

A lot of young people have made the mistake of getting into wrong relationships, when purpose is yet to be found, such only ends in reproach and pain.

Purpose often plays a pivotal role in shaping your relationships and decisions about marriage. When you are clear about your personal purpose, you will likely seek a partner who align with or support your goals and values. So, This shared sense of purpose can act as a foundation for a strong and lasting relationship.

People are generally drawn to relationships that resonate with their deeper sense of meaning and direction. When purpose drives a person's choices, they tend to seek partners who not only understand but also complement their aspirations. This alignment can lead to more harmonious and fulfilling connections. Individuals who are driven by a strong sense of purpose often look for partners who share similar values and life goals. The alignment of purpose can enhance compatibility and mutual support, making the relationship more resilient to challenges.

Ultimately, purpose acts as a guiding force in both admitting and committing to a partner. It helps individuals choose relationships that are meaningful and aligned with their long-term vision, leading to more deliberate and satisfying marital decisions.

Genesis 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

This scripture serves as a template for any young person trying to enter into a romantic relationship.”

- Find work and know yourself first.
- See yourself clearly before trying to find the right partner.
- Always choose friends who align with your goals.
- You have the right to qualify or disqualify anyone before allowing them into your space.”

Your vibe attracts your tribe. The right people will come into your life when you are ready to let them in."

CHAPTER FIVE

HOW TO DISCOVER YOUR PURPOSE

"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born,
and the day you find out why." — Mark Twain

1).ASK GOD (THE MANUFACTURER).

God is the source of every purpose. It is very important you understand this segment. What validates whatever you call your purpose is that it has its origin in God. We live in a generation where people run their entire lives with ambition. Ambition is a self-created purpose not what you were born to live for.

Proverbs 16:4 The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

Learning a skill is good but you don't learn a skill and call it purpose. There is nothing wrong with learning a skill but let it be in line with your calling and it's connected to your purpose. Nothing enhances destiny like when you are laboring in the right direction "place of assignment." Also, I discovered destiny can be truncated if your labor is in opposition to your purpose. I would like you to understand that you shouldn't just write out anything and call it purpose. And it should be received through the channels God often speaks to you.

Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

- You can receive it from God through the voice of the Holy Spirit.
- You can receive it through any means by which God communicates with you.

- You can also find it in the Bible.”

The source of every purpose should be God, not the self.

2).IT SHOULD BE DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO YOU.

Nobody should receive your purpose on your behalf without you having any confirmation. Even as parents, God can show you what your child will become in life. What validates what you received to be true is, that the child's passion and configuration will be in line with it. It is God who called you not a man, men only receive it at times to give you more conviction about your calling.

Act: 26:13: At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me. And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard

a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutes thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

Your assignment must come from God direct to you.

3). DISCERNING THE GRACE UPON YOU.

2 Timothy 1:9

Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

In Recognizing the Grace upon you, you must understand that purpose is not solely about personal achievement but about how you can serve and contribute to the greater good. Your talents and inclinations are often clues to how you can best serve others and align with the

broader intentions of the divine(God). As you grow in awareness of this grace, you may find out that your sense of purpose evolves from a self-centered pursuit to a journey of service and fulfillment.

The word 'Grace' here means 'charis,' which refers to graciousness and that which affords joy and pleasure. It is the spiritual empowerment you receive according to your preordained destiny, which makes your service effortless. You recognize this by reflecting on the things you do effortlessly—your strengths and abilities—in alignment with your calling.” **The problem you solved, the questions you answered, but it's must be in alignment to where God sent you to(spheres).**

4).IT BRINGS REWARDS BACK TO YOU.

You can know your purpose through that thing that bring you rewards.

Every purpose must be able to put food on your table and even beyond. God won't give you what does not have a reward embedded within. This is the reason why you need to give it time and refine it because there is a reward.

The reward comes from God but through men. Every purpose is designed by God as an embodiment of answers, solutions, and possibilities to solve the problem in this world.

5). IT BRINGS YOU JOY AND FULFILLMENT WHEN YOU DO IT.

Now listen, wisdom is justified by her children. Many people who are looking for money without knowledge will act as though joy, peace, and fulfillment are not part of what

we need in life. And I'm amazed. Get all you want to achieve in life, if these four things are not part of your life, it's a life of sorrow that will burn within. I'm privileged to share this and to bless you the reader. Please I would like you to enjoy heaven on earth kind of life. No pressure. Just enjoying phases with peace of mind, and unexplainable joy from within. Purpose is the bedrock to have these four things; fulfillment, satisfaction, peace, and joy. God enjoys peace, joy, satisfaction, and fulfillment so whoever discovers and walks in purpose will also enjoy them. So you can discover your purpose through that you do that always bring you joy and sense of purpose.

FINAL NOTE.

As you close this guide on living with intention, remember that purpose is not a destination but a journey. It's woven into the daily choices you make, the relationships you

nurture, and the values you uphold. Embrace each moment with awareness and commitment, knowing that your intentional actions shape the life you lead. May your path be illuminated by clarity and your steps be guided by purpose. Live fully, act with intention, and let your life be a reflection of the meaningful existence you seek and Jesus be glorified. Amen!



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