

# Influence Ministries

## WHY AM I HERE?

### LESSON 1

TITLE: YOU MATTER TO GOD.

What does God expect from me?

We will cover these three questions:

Why am I here?           The question of existence.

Does my life matter?   The question of significance.

What is my purpose?   The question of intention.

These are the three most important questions in life.

**WHY AM I HERE?** The question of existence.

*Jeremiah 20:18*

*Why did I come forth from the womb to see <sup>[1]</sup>labor and sorrow, That my days should be consumed with shame?*

Why was I born? Was it only to have trouble and sorrow, to end my life in disgrace?

You were made for God's purpose, and until you understand that live will never make sense.

Someone once said, "I hope life isn't a joke, because I just don't get it".

Now, to answer the question, you could take several approaches.

#1) The mystical approach: Look within yourself. Follow your inner voice.

#2) The self-help approach: You have to invent your purpose. Make it up yourself. Chase your dreams and never give up.

Your purpose is greater than your dreams, happiness, pleasure. These are all good things, but not why you're here.

#3) The philosophical approach: Chasing the words and advice of philosophers. Some interesting and good quotes.

*Proverbs 16:4*

*The Lord has made everything for His own purpose.*

Why are you here? Is there a purpose for your life? YES

God created you to love you.

Before God thought of the universe, He had you in mind.

**DOES MY LIFE MATTER?** The question of significance.

Does my life make any difference at all?

*Isaiah 49:4*

*My work all seems so useless! I have spent my strength for nothing and to no purpose at all.*

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The purpose for your life started before you were born.

*Isaiah 44:2*

*I am your creator. You were in my care even before you were born.*

You are not an accident.

There are accidental parents, but there are no accidental births.

There are illegitimate parents, but there are no illegitimate children.

There are unplanned pregnancies, but there are no un-purposed people.

God wanted you in this world.

You are not an accident.

*Psalms 139:16*

*You, God, saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe.  
Every day was recorded in your book.*

Life is preparation for eternity.

His purpose for your life will last forever.

You were made to last forever.

This life is a dress rehearsal.

It's the preschool for eternity.

It's square one.

If you only live for this life, you're making a fatal mistake.

*II Corinthians 5:1*

*When this tent we live in, our body here on earth, is torn down, God will have a house in heaven for us to live in, a home he himself has made, which will last forever.*

God made you to love you.

You were made to last forever.

Long past this short life and into eternity with Him.

That gives meaning.

**WHAT IS MY PURPOSE?** The question of my purpose

*Psalms 89:47*

*Why did you cease us? For nothing?*

David is asking the same question.

If you're here by accident, then there is no purpose.

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If you don't believe in God, then there is not purpose to life.

Meaning and purpose can only exist if there is a moral creator.

You have to go to the creator to know your purpose.

To know how something works, you have to go to the creator of that invention. They created it and knew it best.

*Proverbs 9:10*

*Knowing God results in every other kind of understanding.*

I find my purpose in God.

*Colossians 1:16*

*For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible... everything got stated in him and finds its purpose in him.*

Life is all about God, it's not all about you.

*Ephesians 1:11*

*It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for... part of the overall purpose he his working out in everything and everyone.*

Remember this phrase:

"It's not about me, it's all about God"

Say it with me, "It's not about me, it's all about God"

Now say it to the person next to you in the group.

If you live to be 70yrs old, you will live 25, 550 days. Don't you think it's worth the next few weeks to find out what you're supposed to do with the rest of them?

*Acts 10:35*

*It makes no difference who you are or where you're from if you want God and you are ready to do as he says, the door is open.*

It doesn't matter who you are or where you're from,

If you want God in your life and are ready to do what He says,

THE DOOR IS OPEN.....