



# ABUNDANT LIFE - PURPOSE

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# Real purpose in life

## ■ Jesus tells us in Mk. 12:30-31

- “And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment.
- “And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

# Jesus says that our purpose is threefold

## 1. Love God

### - Loving God includes glorifying Him

#### ■ Isaiah 43:7 (NKJV)

- Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have **created for My glory**; I have formed him, yes, I have made him." >

#### ■ Revelation 4:11 (NKJV)

- "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

# Love God

## ■ Loving God includes worshipping Him

– Psalm 100:2-3 (NKJV)

- **Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.**
- **Know that the LORD, He *is* God; *It is* He *who* has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

# Love God

## ■ Loving God includes fearing/obeying Him

– 1 Samuel 12:24 (NKJV)

- Only *fear* the LORD, and *serve* Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you. *Respect* Him

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## **2. Love our neighbor**

### **– Work for their good**

#### **■ Galatians 6:10 (NKJV)**

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

# Love our neighbor

## ■ Snatch them out of the fire

### - Jude 1:20-23 (NKJV)

- But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,
- keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.
- And on some have compassion, making a distinction;
- but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

# Love our neighbor

## ■ Tell them about the greatest gift of all – salvation

– Romans 1:16 (NKJV)

- For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

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## 3. Love ourselves

*– If we do, we will have the same goal as Paul*

■ Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)

– I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

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– 2 Peter 3:18 (NKJV)

- but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

## To accomplish that goal, it

### ■ Takes submission to the Holy Spirit

– Galatians 5:22–23 (NKJV)

- <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
- <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

## Conclusion

- Are you struggling finding real meaning in your life?
- Are you blaming others for your failures?
- Are you willing to submit to God's plan for your life!