

General Purpose

1. To know God – Phil 3:10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death

2. To love God – Matt 22:37 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

3. To glorify God – 1 Cor 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

4. To be useful to God – Matt 5:13 You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?

Specific purpose

1. It comes through prayer and fasting – Acts 13:2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

2. It would advance the kingdom of God – Col 1:13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves

3. It will benefit believers – Col 1:29 To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

4. It comes by faithfulness in little things - Luk 16:10 Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

5. It comes when you are serving others – Matt 23:11 The greatest among you will be your servant.

6. It comes at the right time – Psalm 1 That brings forth its fruit in season

7. It is related to your spiritual gifting – Rom 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them

"Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose" (Philippians 2:12-13).