



Living on Purpose

Three Foundational Statements for Bucking the Trend

1. God has always wanted to have a **SPECIAL** people for himself
2. God has always called his special people to a distinctive **LIFESTYLE** that reflects deep devotion to him
3. God's people will at times be called to **SWIM UPSTREAM** and **BUCK** certain cultural trends

As Steve pointed out last week, **Titus 2:14 (KJV)** says, “¹³ Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; ¹⁴ Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a **peculiar people**, zealous of good works”

God's desire is that we, His family, live holy lives of devotion to Him and not conform to every whim of human culture

Psalm 90:1-12 (ESV) *A Prayer of Moses, the man of God. Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. ² Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. ³ You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" ⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night. ⁵ You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning: ⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. ⁷ For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed. ⁸ You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. ⁹ For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. ¹⁰ The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. ¹¹ Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you? ¹² So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.*

How do we number our days and gain wisdom?

Psalm 90:12 “So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom”

1. Accept the **UNCERTAINTY** of life

Psalm 90:10 (ESV) “The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.”

2. Create **INTENTIONAL** space for God

Psalm 5:2 (ESV) “Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray. ³ O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.”

3. Train yourself to pursue what's **IMPORTANT**

**What you believe is what you behave...
who we believe we are drives what we do...**

In 2018 what is your plan of ACTION?

What will you do to live on Purpose this year?