**Prescriptions for the Soul – God’s Purpose for us**

Here are a number of Bible verses that deal with God’s purpose for us. Each one is preceded by a very short explanation of the main point in the verse. Take 2 in the morning and 2 at night until your symptoms clear up.

* Read them
* Think them through and pray about them
* Apply them to your life
* Memorize the best ones

When you have time, look them up and read the chapter they came from to get even more context.

*God uses our entire lives to prepare us for His purpose for us.*

[Romans 8:28](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8%3A28&version=NIV) 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’s purpose for us is not for our glory, but His.*

[Exodus 9:16](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+9:16&version=NIV) But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.

*Christians believe that all of history follows God’s plan and none can change it.*

[Job 42:2](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job+42:2&version=NIV) “I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

*God controls all of time, he creates the beautiful and allows the ugly.*

[Psalm 33:11](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+33:11&version=NIV) But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

*Even when we make our own plans, God pulls us around to His purpose for us.*

[Proverbs 19:21](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+19:21&version=NIV) Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.

*Even when we are not on board with his plan, God does it anyway!*

Psalm 138:8A The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me.

*God’s wisdom helps us to understand ourselves, so we can see where he’s taking us.*

[Proverbs 20:5](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+20:5&version=NIV) The purposes of a person’s heart are deep waters, but one who has insight draws them out.

*God’s word, the Bible, will achieve amazing things in us.*

[Isaiah 55:11](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+55:11&version=NIV) so is my (God’s) word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

*God’s plan can be difficult and challenging, but also hopeful and fulfilling.*

[Jeremiah 29:11](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah+29%3A11&version=NIV) 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.

*The point here is that God decides what will be, not us.*

[Romans 9:21](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+9:21&version=NIV)Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?

*God’s plan for you was decided before you were born.*

[Ephesians 1:11](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+1:11&version=NIV) In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,

*God works in believers to get us to want to do his will, and then to do it.*

[Philippians 2:13](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2:13&version=NIV) for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

*Before He created the universe, God knew his purpose for you. So No one can earn God’s purpose.*

2 Timothy 1:9-10  He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 10but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

# *With respect, we seek to know and follow God’s purpose.*

[Philippians 2:12](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2:12&version=NIV) 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,

*God has designed us so we can achieve the good works he has for us to do.*

[Ephesians 2:10](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+2%3A10&version=NIV) For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

*When our hearts are motivated by love for God, our plans are his plans.*

[Psalm 20:4](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+20:4&version=NIV) May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

*It’s best just to let God make your plans for you.*

[Proverbs 16:3](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+16:3&version=NIV) Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans

*Christian friends can help us know God’s purpose.*

[Proverbs 15:22](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+15:22&version=NIV) Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

*Only Jesus can make us righteous, so we can plan in line with God’s purpose.*

[Proverbs 12:5](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+12:5&version=NIV) The plans of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful.

*God’s purpose often moves slower than we would like – have patients.*

[Proverbs 21:5](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+21:5&version=NIV) The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.

*Our most noble impulses come from God.*

[Isaiah 32:8](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+32:8&version=NIV) But the noble make noble plans, and by noble deeds they stand.

*Believers are gifted and called to His divine purpose.*

[Romans 11:29](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+11:29&version=NIV) For God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable.

*We are all priests of our own relationship with God.*

[1 Peter 2:9](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Peter+2:9&version=NIV) But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

*Make your journey worthy of your destination.*

[Ephesians 4:1](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+4:1&version=NIV) As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

*God blesses our efforts when we are aligned with His purpose.*

[2 Thessalonians 1:11](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Thessalonians+1:11&version=NIV) With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith.

*We should all seek to confirm God’s call on our lives, so we can walk in it.*

# 2 Peter 1:10-11 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, 11and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.