

## Blessings in the House

# A People of Purpose

A weekly devotional message for the family

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*(Acts 2:40-47) "And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. (41) Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. (42) And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. (43) And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. (44) And all that believed were together, and had all things common; (45) And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. (46) And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, (47) Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."*

A doctor, dedicated to his work. As he gets a call at 2:00 am, he goes to save the life of a man who was in an accident. The man was drunk and now he is barely alive. The doctors were able to save his life. With a purpose in the hearts of the doctors, they do their work. Now the young man needs a purpose in his life so he will not find himself in this position again.

With a purpose in our hearts, we serve the Lord. Our purpose is to love the Lord, others and the church. The late George Harrison often said, "Everything else can wait but the search for God cannot wait, and love one another." It must be our greatest purpose to follow God and love others.

As I look to the scriptures, I see three important purposes that we should put to our lives. As we do this, we will have a greater meaning to our lives. We will live with a purpose.

**Our purpose is to:**

## Love God

*(Mark 12:29-30) "And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is... The Lord our God is one Lord: (30) And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment."*

We express our love by worshipping Him in Spirit & Truth, *(John 4:23) "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him."*

With a purpose in our hearts we come to church to worship the Lord.

Another way to show our love is to become a true disciple of the Lord. With a purpose in our hearts we become a true disciple of the Lord by following Him in a greater way each day, *(Acts 2:41).*

*(Hos 6:3) "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth."*

## Love Others

*(Mark 12:31) "And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these."*

We do this by reaching out to others and sharing the gospel. We care for others. With a purpose in our hearts we reach out to other people. With a purpose in the hearts of the first church, they went from house to house sharing the gospel, *(Acts 2:42).*

## Love the church

True fellowship. With a purpose we come to church to have true fellowship with the Lord and with the church family. Fellowship with the Lord, being one with Him through worship, and being united with our church family, *(Acts 2:44-46).* With a purpose in our hearts we love and support our church through our prayers, tithes and offerings.

Serve the Lord. With a purpose in our hearts we serve the Lord. We do **not** ask what our church can do for us, **but** what can we do for our church. We see what we can do **for** our church and **in** our church.

*(1 Cor 12:18) "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him."*

*(1 Cor 12:28) "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." There is something for everyone to do.*

## Conclusion

Our search for God cannot wait. With a purpose in our hearts, we search for Him, worship and serve Him. With a purpose in our hearts we love others and tell them of the goodness of the Lord. With a purpose we support our church and work for its advancement. We all have our part in this church. As we come together, we all have

our special place with the Lord. We are all important in the eyes of the Lord. Let us strive to be the people that the Lord wants us to be. Let us keep these three purposes in our lives, and be a PEOPLE OF PURPOSE.

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