

Double Whammy Wednesday
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Purpose versus Diversion

Purpose-

Origin: Middle English: from Old French porpos, from the verb porposer, variant of proposer (see propose). *Propose origin: Middle English: from Old French proposer, from Latin proponere (see proponent), but influenced by Latin propositus 'put or set forth' and Old French poser 'to place'.*

Definitions:

*The reason for which something is done or created or for which something exists.

*A person's sense of resolve or determination.

*(usually purposes) A particular requirement or consideration, typically one that is temporary or restricted in scope or extent.

Verb

*[WITH OBJECT] formal: Have as one's intention or objective.

Diversion-

Origin: Late Middle English: from late Latin diversio(n-), from Latin divertere 'turn aside' (see divert).

Definitions:

*An instance of turning something aside from its course.

**British:* An alternative route for use by traffic when the usual road is temporarily closed; a detour.

*An activity that diverts the mind from tedious or serious concerns; a recreation or pastime.

*Something intended to distract someone's attention from something more important.

One of the greatest tactics in any war is diversion; catching the enemy off guard or distracting them away from their post to be attacked. However, when each individual in the army knows their purpose, it becomes more difficult to divert them. Even more, when each individual communicates their purpose with one another, they work together and diversion becomes more difficult for the enemy to accomplish.

There have been a great many things diverting us in these times from our true purpose. We have become so distracted for a time

and a time and a half to the point that some of us do not realize what our purpose is.

When I first came to the Lord I tried so desperately to find my place in the church; what did the Lord create me to do? This has been a conflict I have been struggling with in my life long before I came to the Lord and it spilled over into my walk with Jesus; I never felt like I belonged anymore. As I began to discover the many gifts I have received from Father God, this struggle did not become easier but worse. The gifts I discovered became a diversion for the enemy to take my focus off my purpose.

We all have many gifts and talents. They are placed in us as a means for our purpose but they are not the purpose themselves. We have one purpose and only one purpose; to love. The enemy is trying to divert us from this course of action. We are to love the Lord our God with everything we have and with everything we are. We are to love one another with everything we have and everything we are. Our purpose is to love and the diversions cause us to judge without love, to let unforgiveness fester and manifest, to abandon those that are suffering, and even sometimes to believe that certain ones are not as worthy as we ourselves are. When we focus on our purpose, we will be able to recognize the diversion which will allow us to stand our ground and warn others to take their positions among the ranks. We were made to love. Walk in purpose not diversion.

Bible Verses:

John 10:7-18 - Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. 11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. 12 But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. 13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice;

and there will be one flock and one shepherd. 17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. 18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

Romans 14:1-13 - Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. 2 For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. 3 Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. 4 Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand. 5 One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks. 7 For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. 8 For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. 10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. 11 For it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God." 12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. 13 Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way.

Luke 17:1-4 - Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come! 2 It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. 3 Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. 4 And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."

John 3:16-21 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

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