

Seven Areas of Breakthrough This Year:

1. **Faith** – your personal walk with God
2. **Family** – family situations, with children, spouses.
3. **Finances** – managing our money, etc.
4. **Freedom** – areas of our lives that we have strongholds
5. **Fun** – we need to enjoy life
6. **Field of Endeavor** - your job or vocation
7. **Friendships** - social relationships outside of family

Proverbs 19:21 | NIV

(21) Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.

Proverbs 19:21 | TPT

(21) A person may have many ideas concerning God's plan for his life, but only the designs of his purpose will succeed in the end.

We can make all the plans we want in life, but if we don't make our plans according to the purposes for which God created us, then our plans will be in vain. We won't live up to our full potential, and we will be unfulfilled.

The only commodity that we have that we cannot produce again is time.

Once a day is gone, it is gone forever. So the best thing to do with this commodity of time is to use it in a way that will bring the greatest results.

The best way to use time effectively is to do what you are supposed to do *when* you are supposed to do it.

Effectiveness does not mean just doing good things, but rather doing the right thing at the right time.

The only way for this to happen is to know your purpose and live it.

Discovering your purpose enables us to stop wasting our lives and start fulfilling our potential.

1. God is a God of purpose.

Psalms 33:11 | NIV

(11) But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

Isaiah 14:24 | NKJV

(24) The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying, "Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass, And as I have purposed, so it shall stand:

God thinks and designs with end result in mind from the beginning. The Creation story in Genesis is not the beginning of a supernatural experiment with an unknown outcome. Genesis was the beginning of the production of something that was already thought out in the heart and mind of God.

The same is true for God's plans and purpose for us. You are not a supernatural experiment with an unknown outcome (if you follow after God's plan - we still have a choice in the matter.)

What God plans is intentional, meaningful and guaranteed to succeed.

2. God created everything with a purpose.

God created everything with a purpose in mind, and He also created it with the ability to fulfill its own purpose.

Because God knows this, He created you with all of the equipment necessary to fulfill that purpose.

As a believer, you already have on the inside of you everything you need to fulfill God's purpose and plan for your life.

The purpose of something determines its nature, design and features.

Psalms 139:13-16 | TPT

(13) You formed my innermost being, shaping my delicate inside and my intricate outside, and wove them all together in my mother's womb.

(14) I thank you, God, for making me so mysteriously complex! Everything you do is marvelously breathtaking. It simply amazes me to think about it! How thoroughly you know me, Lord!

(15) You even formed every bone in my body when you created me in the secret place, carefully, skillfully shaping me from nothing to something.

(16) You saw who you created me to be before I became me! Before I'd ever seen the light of day, the number of days you planned for me were already recorded in your book.

God had holy plans for you before you were even born. Before you came out of your mother, before you saw the light of day, God had all these plans designed for you. He already had decided what He wanted you to do with your life.

Jeremiah 1:5 | MSG

(5) "Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you: A prophet to the nations— that's what I had in mind for you."

God says before you were even born I had plans for you. He had stuff in mind.

3. Because of the Fall of Man, not every purpose is known to us.

Rejecting God is equivalent to buying a sophisticated and intricate piece of equipment and then throwing away the user's manual. (Example: an airplane.)

You probably will never get it to function properly and you will miss out on the many features and functions it has to offer and will never fulfill its purpose.

4. Where purpose is not known, abuse is inevitable.

Did you know that you cannot take an ordinary car and drive it into a lake and then have it function properly? Why? Because that is abuse; all because you did not use it according to its purpose.

That is why marriages fail. We do not know and understand the purposes of the husband and wife and therefore abuse is inevitable and the marriage fails.

5. To discover the purpose of something, never ask the creation; ask the creator.

If you want to know the purpose of something, don't ask the thing itself. Why? Because it didn't plan, design, or build itself. Only the manufacturer knows the why and how of his product.

To understand how we are to function as God's human beings - we need to go to the Manual given to us by the designer and Manufacturer Who created us: the Bible.

If we don't know the purpose for our lives, we're just experimenting.

God does not want your life to be an experiment.

6. We find our purpose only in the mind of our Maker.

We need to learn how our Manufacturer thinks. The Word of God shows us how the Manufacturer thinks because He wrote the Manual.

The only way for us to succeed is by discovering and living in the purposes of our Maker, by undergoing a transformation in the way we think about ourselves based on His original intentions for us.

The transformation comes about by a renewing of our minds.

Romans 12:2 | TPT

(2) Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit

through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God's will (*purpose*) as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes.

7. God's purpose is the key to our fulfillment.

You can never be totally and completely satisfied until you find your purpose and then live in it.

8. God put your purpose within you. To draw it out, you need to be assisted by His wisdom and revelation by the Holy Spirit.

Proverbs 20:5 | NIV

(5) The purposes of a person's heart are deep waters, but one who has insight draws them out.

The Holy Spirit has the most insight of anyone and He has the ability to draw out those things that God has put in you.

9. When you go to God, He knows how to make up for the time that you lost from not knowing your purpose.

Joel 2:23-27 | NKJV

(23) Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the LORD your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you—The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month.

(24) The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.

(25) "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you.

(26) You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame.

(27) Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the LORD your God And there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame.