

## What is your Purpose?

**Eccl 3:1-2** *To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: <sup>2</sup>A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;*

**H2656** chēphets - From H2654; pleasure; hence (abstractly) desire; concretely a valuable thing; hence (by extension) a matter (as something in mind):—acceptable, delight (-some), desire, things desired, matter, pleasant (-ure), purpose, willingly.

*A new year has already started? What is your resolution? What are your goals? What is your purpose and how will the goals you have set get you there?*

**Isa14:24-27** *The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand: <sup>25</sup>That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders. <sup>26</sup>This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. <sup>27</sup>For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?*

**H3289** yâ'ats - A primitive root; to advise; reflexively to deliberate or resolve:—advertise, take advice, advise (well), consult, (give take) counsel (-lor), determine, devise, guide, purpose.

**Acts 19:21-24** *And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord. <sup>22</sup>Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. <sup>23</sup>Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. <sup>24</sup>For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. <sup>25</sup>Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul: <sup>26</sup>And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.*

**G5087** tithēmi A prolonged form of a primary word θέω theō (which is used only as an alternate in certain tenses); to place (in the widest application, literally and figuratively; properly in a passive or horizontal posture, and thus different from G2476, which properly denotes an upright and active position, while G2749 is properly reflexive and utterly prostrate):—+ advise, appoint, bow, commit, conceive, give, X kneel down, lay (aside, down, up), make, ordain, purpose, put, set (forth), settle, sink down.

**Acts 26:16-18** *But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; <sup>17</sup>Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, <sup>18</sup>To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*

**G4400** procheirizomai; to handle for oneself in advance, that is, (figuratively) to purpose:—choose, make.

**Rom 8:28-31** *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. <sup>30</sup>Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*

<sup>31</sup>What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

**G4286** prothesis; a setting forth, that is, (figuratively) proposal (intention); specifically the show bread (in the Temple) as exposed before God:—purpose, shew [-bread].

**Eph 1:3-12** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: <sup>4</sup>According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: <sup>5</sup>Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>To the praise of the glory of his grace, **wherein he** hath made us accepted in the beloved. <sup>7</sup>In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; <sup>8</sup>Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; <sup>9</sup>Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: <sup>10</sup>That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: <sup>11</sup>In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: <sup>12</sup>That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.*

**G4388** protithemai; to place before, that is, (for oneself) to exhibit; (to oneself) to propose (determine):—purpose, set forth.

**Eph 3:7** *Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; <sup>9</sup>And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: <sup>10</sup>To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, <sup>11</sup>According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: <sup>12</sup>In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. <sup>13</sup>Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.*

**G4160** poieō; to make or do (in a very wide application, more or less direct):—abide, + agree, appoint, X avenge, + band together, be, bear, + bewray, bring (forth), cast out, cause, commit, + content, continue, deal, + without any delay, (would) do (-ing), execute, exercise, fulfil, gain, give, have, hold, X journeying, keep, + lay wait, + lighten the ship, make, X mean, + none of these things move me, observe, ordain, perform, provide, + have purged, purpose, put, + raising up, X secure, shew, X shoot out, spend, take, tarry, + transgress the law, work, yield. Compare G4238.

**2 Tim 1:9** *Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. <sup>7</sup>For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. <sup>8</sup>Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; <sup>9</sup>Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, <sup>10</sup>But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: <sup>11</sup>Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. <sup>12</sup>For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. <sup>13</sup>Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.*

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### **What are your goals to show you are “Walking Worthy” of God’s Purpose?**

**Colossians 1:10** *That ye might walk(1) worthy(2) of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful(3) in every good work(4), and increasing in the knowledge(5) of God; <sup>11</sup>Strengthened with all might(6), according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;*

**Goal: walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing**

**Ask: “What does this mean to you?”**

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#### **Definitions:**

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2. **G516**-axiōs-Adverb from **G514**; *appropriately*:—as become, after a godly sort, worthily (-thy).

3. **G2592**-karpophoreō-From **G2593**; to *be fertile* (literally or figuratively):—be (bear, bring forth) fruit (-ful).

4. **G2041**-ergon-From ergō (a primary but obsolete word; to *work*); *toil* (as an effort or occupation); by implication an *act*:—deed, doing, labour, work.

5. **G1922**-epignōsis-From **G1921**; *recognition*, that is, (by implication) full *discernment, acknowledgement*:—(ac-) knowledge (-ing, -ment).

**6. G1411-dunamis**-From [G1410](#); *force* (literally or figuratively); specifically miraculous *power* (usually by implication a *miracle* itself):—ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

**Key points:**

Who are you pleasing with your walk? Yourself? Your friend? Your spouse? Are you pleasing the Lord? What pleases the Lord?

We have “Dunamis might or power” available to us. How are you going to use it? What challenge are you facing that you need Dunamis power?

**Proverbs 16:7-9**

<sup>7</sup>*When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.*

<sup>8</sup>*Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right.*

<sup>9</sup>*A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.*

**Conclusion:**

How will you start walking worthy? What will you do different? What is your first step today?

**Ephesians 3:8** *Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; <sup>9</sup>And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: <sup>10</sup>To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, <sup>11</sup>According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: <sup>12</sup>In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.*

**Ephesians 4:1** *I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye **walk worthy of the vocation** wherewith ye are called, <sup>2</sup>With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; <sup>3</sup>**Endeavouring to keep the unity** of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

**Goal: Endeavoring to keep the unity**

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3. **G2821**-klēsis-From a shorter form of [G2564](#); an *invitation* (figuratively):—calling.
4. **G5012**-tapeinophrosunē-From a compound of [G5011](#) and the base of [G5424](#); *humiliation of mind*, that is, *modesty*:—humbleness of mind, humility (of mind), lowliness (of mind).
5. **G4236**-praotēs-From [G4235](#); *gentleness*; by implication *humility*:—meekness.
6. **G3115**-makrothumia-From the same as [G3116](#); *longanimity*, that is, (objectively) *forbearance* or (subjectively) *fortitude*:—longsuffering, patience.
7. **G430**-anechomai-Middle voice from [G303](#) and [G2192](#); to *hold oneself up* against, that is, (figuratively) *put up* with:—bear with endure, forbear, suffer.
8. **G4704**-spoudazō-From [G4710](#); to *use speed*, that is, to *make effort*, *be prompt* or *earnest*:—do (give) diligence, be diligent (forward), endeavor, labor, study.
9. **G5083**-tēreō-From teros (a *watch*; perhaps akin to [G2334](#)); to *guard* (from *loss* or *injury*, properly by keeping *the eye* upon; and thus differing from [G5442](#), which is properly to *prevent* escaping; and from [G2892](#), which implies a *fortress* or full military lines of apparatus), that is, to *note* (a prophecy; figuratively to *fulfill* a command); by implication to *detain* (in custody; figuratively to *maintain*); by extension to *withhold* (for personal ends; figuratively to *keep unmarried*):—hold fast, keep (-er), (ob-, pre-, re) serve, watch.
10. **G1775**-henotēs-From [G1520](#); *oneness*, that is, (figuratively) *unanimity*:—unity.
11. **G1515**-eirēnē-Probably from a primary verb εἶρω eirō (to *join*); *peace* (literally or figuratively); by implication *prosperity*:—one, peace, quietness, rest, + set at one again.

**Col 3:23-24** *And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;*

<sup>24</sup>*Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.*

### **Key points:**

Key definitions above speak for themselves. Unity, Humility, Peace, all point to an attitude change that must take place for you to fully be used by God to do the work that He designed and “called” you to do. His Purpose not ours. You do not have to answer the call. Many put God on call waiting and don’t get back to Him until they mess something up and now are in trouble and they send up a few voicemails hoping He will respond. One of the most important points is that we are to “Keep” or guard the Unity and spirit in the bond of piece. Keep means watch. It is a military term having to do with a sentry on “Watch”. Don’t go to sleep, keep your eyes open and guard/ protect the Christian faith within this team!

### **Conclusion:**

Are you guarding the unity of the spirit and peace? Are you accepting the vocation or job for which God designed you to do? Are you patient with your team mates, your family, your family in Christ, your fellow workers; and willing to endure suffering with them to accomplish something bigger than your plans; your purpose; your good pleasure?

**Conclusion: My Purpose!**

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A new year has already started? What is your resolution? What are your goals? What are your plans to achieve those goals? Got them written down? Goals that are not written down are just dreams. They evaporate in your head within days. Start writing. Start working toward your purpose.