

## Texts on the Purpose of Life

For I know the plans I have for you. Plans to help you and not harm you. Plans to give you hope and a bright future....And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. –Jer. 29:11-14

*First sentence:* God's got a plan for every life. Adversity is a dear friend. Adversity is the tool God uses to get our attention and to purify our hearts.

*Second sentence:* God's purpose for my life. Why am I here:

**1) To warm the heart of God:** The steps of the godly are directed by the Lord. He delights in every detail of their lives. –Ps 37:23. May the Lord smile on you ... Numbers 6:25. Smile on me, your servant; teach me the right way to live. Ps 119: 135 The Lord takes pleasure in His people. Ps 149:4

**2) To become more and more like Jesus:** God knew what He was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love Him along the same lines as the life of His Son ... We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in Him. Romans 8:29 (Msg) As the Spirit of the Lord works in us, we become more and more like Him and reflect His glory even more. 2 Cor. 3:18. God wants us to grow up... like Christ in everything. Eph. 4:15

**3) I am to be a tool in my Father's hands to accomplish His will each day.** –divine appointments: For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared for us to do. Eph. 2:10 When you do good deeds, don't try to show off. If you do, you won't get a reward from your Father in heaven. –Matthew 6:1 Anyone who lets himself be distracted from the work I plan for him is not fit for the kingdom of God. 1 Cor. 7:31. For you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. –Jer. 1:7,8

Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weakness, so that Christ's power may rest upon me...When I am weak, then am I strong. -2 Cor. 12:9,10

Only those who throw away their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live. –Mark 8:35

Jesus said, "I have glorified You on earth. I have finished the work which You gave Me to do....I have revealed You. –John 17: 4