

# God's Goal for You

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*God's goal for every Christian is to produce in us people filled with His love, rising out of a pure heart, a good conscience, and a genuine faith.*

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**Scripture:** Job 38:8-11, Job 38:22-23, Matthew 14:21-33, Ephesians 3:20-21, 1 Timothy 3:15

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of living a life filled with God's love. He highlights the historical context of slavery and how some individuals would willingly sell themselves as slaves to preach the word of God to others. The preacher also shares a personal story of a man who heard God's voice and felt compelled to make things right by donating money. He then discusses the need for Christians to wake up and recognize the true purpose of their faith, urging them to use their resources for evangelism rather than materialistic pursuits. The sermon concludes with the reminder that God has a purpose for every Christian and that personality traits are not barriers to fulfilling that purpose.

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## Transcript

This has been a call from the Canadian government. A message on one text. First Timothy 1-5.

The text goes like this. It says, The aim of the commandment, as King James, or as some translations say, I think a better translation would be, The goal of our construction is. The aim of the commandment is what? It's a lot.

Rising out of a pure heart, out of a good conscience, and out of a genuine faith. That's God's goal. You know, if you're shooting the rifle at a target, a hundred yards, I mean, this is what it's like, two inches.

And you shot at the moon and missed it by the same incidence you'd miss it by 7,000 miles. Which is to say, if you don't know the way to go, or the start of it, the further you travel down the road, the further you get away from the truth. A guidance counselor once told me, said that, you know, there are 40,000 different occupations open to people today.

We never tell the students that, they would never know. We just tell them there's 400. God has a goal for every Christian.

And sometimes people say, well, I don't have that kind of personality at all. There's nothing in your personality. It's God's goal for you.

For me, for everybody. Why did God give us the Bible? Why did He give us four lives? It doesn't give you a life if you're writing the Bible in a story, if you're writing the Bible in a modest story. But there's a lot of money connected with it, you know.

Why all this push? Why did God do this? What was His goal? What did He have in mind? My text has this little poem, what He did, what they did. And I thought something else like, in the Gospel of Jesus in John 17, as He came to end His prayer, He said, I have declared unto them, you and me, verse 12, I have declared unto them, you and me, and will declare it, that the one who will walk through heaven like me may be a woman, and I am that. So Jesus' teaching for three and a half years, verse 12, had this in mind, that He might produce a good woman full of God.

Because though I speak of a tongue of men, of angels, and have not love, I'm a clanging gong, or a clashing cymbal. I'm just a noise. And then He would say in Amos, you know, God spoke about the howlings in the temple.

In Psalms, in fact, He called them howlings. He called them were-howlings. He did not cry unto me, howling in the beds.

So singing in the brain may be just a howling, just a noise. Gossip is very confusing. He's just a noise.

And sometimes it's all wrong. If you don't have the love of God, you're just a noise. Just a noise.

I can give my heart to the one, if I didn't do it with the love of God in my soul, I'd do a stupid thing. I'd give all my money to the poor, if it wasn't done with the love of God in my soul. You just do a very stupid thing.

I can't say it. I can't find a definition of love in the Bible, but the closest to it in 1 Corinthians 13 is that love, whatever it is, love seeks not her own. You can judge your actions by that.

Am I doing this? Am I seeking my own? Am I seeking someone else's welfare? But no man seeks his own, the Bible says. But every man. Another's welfare.

Another's good. So if you've been instructed to know what to say about that, I just want you to know what I know. So, the goal of God's instruction in giving us the Bible is that He might produce in us people filled with His love.

With His love. You want to live like the Malavians, and sometimes they would go and sell themselves as slaves in the slave market, so they could be transported to some slave colony somewhere in the world where they'd know that they didn't belong. They'd never have a funeral, they would never see their loved ones again, they might be beaten into it, but they didn't care.

They just wanted to find some people to preach to. And so they sold themselves as slaves in the slave markets. Now, you have to work that scenario.

And in China during the Cultural Revolution, young people were allowed to go around the country and target rich people, religious people, and so on. Thousands of people were brutally murdered. They sometimes broke into homes and clubs and just clubbed everybody to death, you know.

Christians or whatever. In one case, they broke into a Christian home and they clubbed the whole family to death. But the mother survived.

They didn't know that the mother survived. After a while, this man came and kissed her feet because he was just kind of getting out of control, and he sobbed. And then this mother found out that the guy who led this group of young men and murdered her family was living near two blocks from her place.

So how did she help him? She started praying for him. And when she heard he was sick child and had no money, and couldn't get him help, or medicine, medical help, and so on, she went down. Now, he didn't recognize her, and she didn't seem to be talking about their awful minds.

And she said, I would like to help you, and I'll nurse your boy. And if you'd like to be blessed, do that for me. And so she nursed his boy for three weeks until he came back to help her, and she took him home.

And she gave the boy to her dad. She told the dad who she was. And that awful night, you know what happened? He saw her in the floor.

He began to weep, and weep, and weep. And he cried for mercy from God, and asked for forgiveness, and went to God and got saved. How could she do that? How could she do that? She was still the 11th God, obviously, you know.

One six nine one. Always keep that in mind. When you're evaluating, perhaps, the temper of your own love, one six nine one, never try to build up itself or its program by seeking an abundance.

Do what we can to your influence in heaven's world. Do what we can to help other people. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father, which is in heaven.

I sometimes use the illustration of the average Christian living in a tin can, a big tin can, at the side of the road, watching the parade go by. You know? He's got one-way glass. Nobody can see in, but he can see out.

And nobody can get in there. He's in there, and he's got a secret entrance in. So there he sits, watching the parade go by.

How many Christians are like that to you? Just watching the parade go by. It's not like you're doing anything, not helping anybody. They see people going past, and, you know, it doesn't bother them in a slice.

They're just enjoying the parade. Don't be one of those. There are millions of them.

Don't be one of them. So the goal of our instruction is love. And what is the qualification? It's love that rises out of a pure heart.

When Jesus said, Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the pure in heart. One day, leading man in the life action ministry, years ago, he came to me and he said, Would you prepare a special message just for us leaders in the life action movement on the text, Blessed are the pure in heart.

He said, No. But he said, It would be perfectly fine. My heart is so corrupt at times.

If I see a cardboard box with a woman crossing a field with a woman or a western tin can in a ditch, I have to think something evil. And he said, That's the way out. I'm a Christian.

But I have no vision over this. And he said to me, I shall tell you. I fasted.

And I prayed. And I fasted and saw God. He gave me a message.

I'm blessed of the pure in heart. My patience. And I remember, a day or so later, this guy came running up to me and said, Oh, help me, please.

God lives. God lives in my heart. And my heart is secured by the grace of God.

From a piece of famine and a holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. So, blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. It is possible to have a pure heart.

And then he brought it with him sometimes Christian women and he said, It isn't possible. The world is so rotten and filthy you can't have a pure heart. Why don't you tell Jesus that? Why don't you put it in the Bible, you know? Sure you can have a pure heart.

But you can't have a pure heart unless this is from the TV set all the day. The hours every day. The soaking, this is garbage.

The water, this is garbage. And even if you see a good program, a bad program, you find there's something in between. And so the mind's a good believer.

A heart that devises wicked imaginations, God said, is an abomination. And he hates that heart. Read Proverbs chapter 6. He hates it.

A heart that devises, thinks up, wicked imagination. Ecclesiastes 7 says, God made man upright, but they have suffered many inventions. Well, I don't know the meaning of that, so I looked up the word invention.

You know what it means? It means mental fabrication. A fabrication is a lie. A mental fabrication is a mental lie.

So you're thinking you're being some guy's wife or you're sleeping with somebody else's wife. You're thinking like that in your mind, but it's a lie. It's a mental fabrication.

God made man upright, but they have suffered many inventions. And you're doing that in your mind. You might be thinking that you're living in a \$2 million house.

And you're not. Or something else. It's a mental fabrication.

It's a lie. Don't do that. Live a real life.

Live it in reality. Let God guide you. Be controlled by his law.

So it's not arising out of a pure heart. You can't have. You can't be filled with any God if you don't have a pure heart.

So you gotta work at it. We all have to work at that. So, blessing.

Blessing means oh, how happy. Oh, how happy. Blessed are the pure in heart.

For we shall see God in ways that other people will never see God. In this world, I've learned I don't know if I'm a pure conscience. People say, I don't know about my conscience.

You know, you might pull up a nerve and find your conscience, you know. The Bible says you may have a good conscience. The Bible also says you may have a weak conscience or an evil conscience or a sick conscience or a dead conscience.

All these words you use, you know, they're describing much conscience. But also, my conscience also bearing witness in the Holy Ghost. That's the kind of a conscience you need to have.

OK? A pure conscience. And some of you may have heard this illustration before it goes down in Chile when you've got a man who's too lazy to learn English and now he's learning Spanish and so the interpreter told me what he had in mind. He says he has a very bad conscience and he wants me to pray for him.

I said, what are you telling me this? In chapter Hebrews 13 it says pray for us for we trust we have a good conscience and all things we need to live honestly. So tell him that. So he told me, the man just walked away and he got a call asking if he wanted me to pray for him.

And I said, listen, tell us now. The Bible says I'm not going to pray for him until he has a good conscience. Tell him to go home and get his conscience cleared up.

So tell him that. Just walk away. Did I do the right thing? The next night he came back with the interpreter and he was talking to us and laughing and crying and saying that he didn't know him and he said I was in his face and he told us and God cleared his conscience and God did all kinds of things made restitution and he was just full of God in him.

A good conscience made good by the Spirit of God. It has to be the Spirit of God and the will of God. Pray for us for we trust in a good conscience and all things willing to live honestly.

Okay. So make sure your conscience is right. If man on occasion does something because it's not activated he'll be dead.

He'll be sinned. He'll be evil. He'll be defiled.

So don't hope like that. Many do it by their conscience and sometimes they throw bodies in the Ganges River you know and do all kinds of things their conscience tells them to do. It's not their conscience it's something that they think it is their conscience.

It's not that at all. You know in one sense conscience is connecting closely with knowledge. If you know all things right do it.

If you don't wait for your conscience to tell you what to do your conscience doesn't say there's a lot to me with knowledge. So the goal then is love rising out of a pure heart a good conscience and that talks about a genuine faith. Now James says show me your faith without your works and I'll show you my faith by my works.

I like that that's a good statement. And so our works should show our faith and James remember he said the demons also need me and they come just because you seem to have some faith in God you don't need that much the demons have that much you know faith is understanding you know who God is and

maybe that's all the knowledge you need but you need the power of God sometimes some people who profess to be a Christian so have a genuine faith and you know faith I think has to do with the promises of God and I mentioned this before 7,403 7 promises in the Bible Dr. Herbert Lonsky wrote a book on it and it's only a decent count number but all the work is done and I didn't feel like a book any more I mean 7,487 promises and I know that some people are thinking maybe I don't know yeah but they're not all for me of course they're not all for you why don't you come up and help and then take just 2,000 wouldn't 2,000 be enough to get you done I mean you can reduce it to 1,000 if you wanted I think to myself you know that one promise would be enough almost for all of my life casting all your care upon him for he cares for you would that take care of your life quite fully I think it would so a love rising in the pure heart oh I said he came blessings of a pure heart for they should seek God oh how happy they are with the pure heart the final peace of my men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord you can be holy you can have a pure heart but you have to come to God's terms and you have to pray you know I talked the other day about coming out from bondage and being separate there's another verse in Hebrews 13 that says Jesus that he might sanctify the people of his own blood suffered outside the gate what else therefore therefore ends well outside the gate so it's not just a matter of being separate coming out being separate but being separate with Christ his name is not popular I was there a year Jesus of course you read you start talking about Jesus I remember one time in the barber shop a year and a half ago I had my hair cut and I went to sit down and I sat down and I sat down and sat down and sat down and I sat down down and sat down and

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