

The Four Cups

Discovering Your Purpose

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Work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who **works in** you to will and to act according to his good purpose.
Philippians 2:12-13 (NIV)

How To Discover My Purpose

1) Understand My S.h.a.p.e.

Life of David – David understood that his shape was intentional

You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV)

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.
Romans 12:6 (NIV)

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy.
1 Corinthians 14:1 (NIV)

2) Practice Your Purpose

David was faithful with the little and the few.

But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, **I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep** from its mouth. When it turned on me, **I seized it** by its hair, **struck it** and **killed it**. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them...

1 Samuel 17:34-36 (NIV)

To each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it... It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, **to prepare God’s people for works of service**, so that the body of Christ may be built up...

Ephesians 4:7,11-12 (NIV)

3) Invest In Others

David and Mephibosheth

David asked, “Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness...”
2 Samuel 9:1 (NIV)

Mephibosheth was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel. His nurse picked him up and fled, but as she hurried to leave, he fell and became crippled.

2 Samuel 4:4 (NIV)

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.
1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)