

ON PURPOSE: LET'S MAKE A DEAL

There are many obstacles that keep us from fulfilling our purpose.

1. Busyness.

Isaiah 58:2 (MSG) *They're busy, busy, busy...*

Most of the busyness in our lives revolves around taking care of ourselves.

2. Our Priorities.

Matthew 6:31-33 (NIV) *So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

Never confuse activity for significance and impact.

"You and every other individual on this planet possess an awesome treasure. Too much of this treasure is buried every day, untapped and untouched, in the cemeteries of our world. Much talent, skill and creativity have been lost to the world for want of a little courage. Many obscure men and women enter eternity pregnant with potential, with a stillborn purpose. Living with ability brings responsibility. Dying with ability brings irresponsibility."

-Myles Monroe

3. We're not willing to give up what we think we have in order to get what Jesus offers.

Mark 10:17-22 (NLT) *17 As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked. "Only God is truly good. 19 But to answer your question, you know the commandments: 'You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother.'" 20 "Teacher," the man replied, "I've obeyed all these commandments since I was young." 21 Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. "There is still one thing you haven't done," he told him. "Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." 22 At this the man's face fell, and he went away very sad, for he had many possessions.*

Matthew 10:39 (NLT) *If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it.*

The question is: What are you clinging to?

We want control.

But Jesus asks that we turn all of our decisions over to Him.

Sometimes Jesus does ask for the things we lay down at His feet.

But, Jesus always replaces them with something better
