

## On Purpose – Lies We Believe About Our Potential – Do A Good Job!

Judges 6:1-12 (NLT)

There's something inside each of us that wants to be the hero.

Jude 20-22 (KJV) *But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, <sup>21</sup> Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. <sup>22</sup> And of some have compassion, making a difference: <sup>23</sup> And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire.*

YOU WERE CREATED FOR SOMETHING AMAZING!!!

Gallop Pole:

- More than ¾ of all adults – want to make a difference in the world.
- More than ½ of all adults – are still seeking to understand the meaning and the ultimate purpose for their lives.

Judges 6:12 (NLT) **“Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!”**

There are some major lies that can take us off the path of discovering and pursuing our purpose.

LIE: Thinking that my purpose and calling is connected to my job.

#1: Your purpose and calling would then be limited to the extent of your work.

#2: Your purpose and calling would then be into the hands of another person.

#3: Your purpose and calling would then be defined by a list of functions and tasks.

Theodore Roosevelt: ***“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and***

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*sweat and blood, who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; because there is no effort without error and shortcomings; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.”*

We need to rise above the **“trees”** to rediscover the forest.

Elton Trueblood: ***“A man has made at least a start on discovering the meaning of human life when he plants shade trees under which he knows full well he will never sit.”***

RISING ABOVE the **“trees”** of your life: Proactive Reflection.

- Psalm 90:12 (NCV) *Teach us how short our lives really are so that we may be wise.*
- Oswald Chambers: ***“Looking back we see the presence of an amazing design, which, if we are born of God, we will credit to God. We can all see God in exceptional things, but it requires the culture of spiritual discipline to see God in every detail. Never allow that the haphazard is anything less than God’s appointed order, and be ready to discover the Divine designs anywhere.”***

God almost always discloses His plans and purposes:

- Little by little
- Piece by piece

Why?

**1 Corinthians 2:6-10 (NKJV)** *We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup> No, we declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. <sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> However, as it is written: **“What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”**—the things God has prepared for those who love him— <sup>10</sup> these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.*

- God is hiding His full will and plans from natural people and from the devil.
- God is revealing our purpose to us by His Spirit, because our natural minds cannot conceive of what God has prepared for us!

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