

MAN WITH A MISSION

1. The goal of our lives is to become like our Master Teacher Jesus.
2. The purpose of our lives is to glorify the Father.
3. The most important battles of our lives will be spiritual in nature.

Main point for today: Jesus lived the impactful, one-of-a-kind life that he did because he was dedicated to his mission.

When Jesus became human, he accepted many of the same limitations we live with.

Philippians 2.6-7: Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as

something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble

position of a slave and was born as a human being.

As a limited human being, how did Jesus live such an incredible, world-changing life? He was fully committed to his mission.

1. JESUS _____ WHAT HIS MISSION WAS.

Matthew 9.35: Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

Our mission is the primary _____ we are to make to the work of God's kingdom.

It's that most important thing we are to accomplish with our lives to advance what God is doing in the world.

Because we are limited, it's important that we know what our mission is so we can _____ our strengths and talents to accomplish it.

The mission of Jesus was:

- (a) to preach and teach about the kingdom,
- (b) to demonstrate the power and the love of the kingdom by healing the sick, and
- (c) to die on the cross to make it possible for us to enter the kingdom, forgiven and reconciled to God.

Jesus knew what he was here for and what his mission was.

Real change is _____.

People and systems do not like change.

The enemy will fight every change that makes the world more the way that God wants it to be.

So real change almost always requires that _____ be expended over a long period of time.

It happens not when we do a little good here and there but when we invest our efforts in a concentrated way in a particular place.

Do you know what your mission is?

Some questions to ask yourself as you determine your mission:

What issues do I care most about?

What people group do I care most about?

What am I good at?

When have people told me I made a difference in their lives?

What would I do for God if I could not fail?

When do I hear myself think, "Someone should do something about that"?

All of these are clues to what God's mission for your life might be.

Knowing what your mission is brings great _____ into a life.

It enables us to focus our energies, keeps us from becoming distracted, and forces us to persevere.

2. JESUS' MISSION WAS _____ TO HIS EXISTENCE.

John 4.34: "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."

John 5.17: My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.

You cannot do it all, and you're not supposed to do it all.

But you are to fulfill your mission.

For that to happen, you must commit yourself to it.

You must be willing to say, "This is _____ I am here. And this is what I will do."

When you know what your mission is and it becomes central to your existence, it will give you the ability to say no to other things and _____ on what's most important.

3. THE MISSION OF JESUS WAS ABOUT SAVING THE _____.

Luke 19.10: For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.

John Wesley: It is not your business to preach so many times, and to take care of this or that society; but to save as many souls as you can; to bring as many sinners as you possibly can to repentance, and with all your power to build them up in that holiness without which they cannot see the Lord.

If we are following Jesus, in some way our mission has to be his mission – helping lost people come home to God.

People who are spiritually lost can be hard to love.
And to love them we need to see them the way Jesus did.

How did Jesus see lost people?

Only rarely does he refer to people as sinners.

His favorite terms for people who were living contrary to God's will:

sheep without a _____, those who labor and are heavy laden, the blind, those who are sick and in need of a doctor, captives, the impoverished.

How you see people will determine how you _____ people.

How you define people will determine how you respond when they reject you, lash out at you or make moral mistakes.

Jesus saw the need behind the sin.

He saw the hurt and the fear and the rejection that caused the ugliness and the anger and the pride.

You don't judge sheep without a shepherd or people who are lost.

You _____ them and you care them.

John 3.17: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to

save the world through him.

Most people change and find their way back to God because someone loves them not because someone tells them how bad they are.

That someone is supposed to be _____.

4. THE MISSION OF JESUS WAS ABOUT _____ OTHERS.

Matthew 20.25-28: You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and

officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. **For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.**

If our goal is to become like Jesus, we are called to be men with a mission.

And our mission is to serve others.

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