

Purpose

God's Plan (Will) for Our Lives

God has a plan and a purpose for our lives. He has called us into a relationship with Him and to be part of His mission — helping others come into a relationship with Him. He has a specific role for us to play and as we continue to seek Him, He will reveal the good plans He has for our lives.

God's Plan for You

Jeremiah 29:11-13, Romans 12:2

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV)

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

What kinds of plans do you think God has for us?

What do we need to do to find God's will?

Psalms 139:15-16, Romans 8:28

Psalms 139:15-16 (NIV)

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Why should we trust God's plan for us?

2 Timothy 3:16-17, Psalm 119:105

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

How does God's word guide us?

1 Corinthians 2:10-12 (NIV)

these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

How does God's Spirit guide us?

What can we learn about God's plans for our lives from the following scriptures?

Proverbs 3:6 (NIV)

in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 16:9 (NIV)

In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

God's Plan for the World

What is God's plan for the world?

John 3:16 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

1 Timothy 2:4 (NIV)

who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

1 Corinthians 2:6-9 (NIV)

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.

No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.

None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

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—

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Ask a Friend

What is God's plan for your life?

Application

How can you get to know God's plan for your life? What part do you think God wants you to play in His plans and purposes for the world?

Prayer

Lord, thank You for your great plan. Through Jesus I've been given a future full of hope.

Key Verse

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."