

## Your Calling: Why Did God Make You?

By Bob Young

One of the most important questions in the world is, “Why did God make you?” What is God’s purpose for your life? What does God want you to accomplish during your time on earth? What does it mean for you to fulfill his purpose in your life?

The answers to these questions have eternal consequences; they also have consequences during our time on earth.

- When you know God’s purpose for you, you can make better choices. You get a clearer picture of your future. Decisions about education, family, and job can be focused on God’s purpose for you.
- When you understand your purpose, you can focus your entire life toward fulfilling God’s calling for your life. God does not call the qualified, he qualifies the called. You can participate with God in his work, qualifying you to fulfill his calling in your life.
- Education is expensive and preparation is time consuming. When you know your unique purpose, you can make good choices concerning such expensive items as education and job training. Your preparation and education choices can help you toward your purpose.
- Knowing your purpose will lead to a satisfying life, success, and joy and peace in life.
- Most important, these will result in the fulfillment of God’s purposes in your life.

One way to understand God’s purpose in your life is to identify your unique gifts from God. What is God equipping you to do? What spiritual gifts has he given you? What are your God-given talents, abilities, interests, and strengths? Understanding these things provides insights to help you make wise, accurate, and prayerful choices about your education, career, and life purpose.

Another way to think about God’s purpose for you is to consider how God made you. God gave you the ability to think, to feel emotions, and to act.

- What does God want you to do with your mind? What should you fill your mind with? How should you use your mind? Obviously, God wants you to use your mind to know and honor him, but what other purposes does God have for your unique ability to think? What job should you seek? How can you best glorify him with your mind?
- How does God want you to use your heart? With your heart, you can love God. With your heart, you can love others. How can you fulfill God’s purpose for you, so that you represent his presence in the world?
- God gave you hands to work. God gave you the ability to do many different things here on earth. What should you do with your hands?
- God gave you mobility. God gave you the ability to go lots of different places. Where does he want you to go? God gave you feet for running the race of life. How will you run?

God affirms our calling in various ways. He affirms our calling as we understand his purpose in the world and our part in that purpose. He affirms our calling by our spiritual gifts, and by our unique talents and abilities. He affirms our calling through our friends and family, and through our successes and failures. Are you fulfilling God's purpose for you?