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WHAT IS THE POINT OF LIFE? Answering Life's Toughest Questions

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Part 1 of 7
Eccl. 7:24

"How can anyone discover the meaning of life?" Eccl. 7:24 (GN)

WHEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE POINT OF LIFE ...

- ...LIFE SEEMS USELESS

"Life is useless, all useless. You spend your life working ... but what do you have to show for it? ... the world just stays the same." Eccl. 1:2-4 (GN)

- ...LIFE SEEMS TIRESOME.

"The sun rises and goes down... the wind blows round and back again. Every river flows into the sea ... then the water returns to where the river began and starts all over again. Everything leads to weariness ..." Eccl. 1:4-8 (GN)

- ...LIFE SEEMS UN-FULFILLING

"No matter how much we see, we're never satisfied; no matter how much we hear, we're not content. History merely repeats itself. Nothing is truly new." Eccl. 1:8-10 (LB)

- ...LIFE SEEMS INSIGNIFICANT.

"No one remembers what has happened in the past, and no one in days to come will remember what happens between now and then." Eccl. 1:11 (GN)

- ...LIFE SEEMS UNCONTROLABLE.

"You can't straighten out what is crooked; you can't count things that aren't there!" Eccl. 1:15 (GN)

WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW THE POINT OF LIFE YOU HAVE 3 OPTIONS:

1. You can try to make up some meaning.

People say, "I'm into..."

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3 Great minds of the past

- Marx}
- Freud} All three said, “You come from nothing, you’re going to nothing.”
- Darwin}

2. You can just escape.

Suicide is the third largest killer of people in America and the second largest killer of teenagers.

Why? If you don’t know the meaning of life, the ultimate thing is despair.

3. You can discover what the real meaning of life is.

• WHAT IS THE POINT OF LIFE?

“Long ago, even before He made the world, God chose us to be His very own through what Christ would do for us ... with His love. His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And He did this because He wanted to!” Eph. 1:4,5 (LB)

• WHAT WAS GOD’S PURPOSE IN CREATING YOU?

This verse says that we were made to be loved by God.

“And this was His purpose that when the time is right he will gather us all together ... to be with Him in Christ forever!” Eph. 1:10 (LB)

The Bible says that you are moving toward an appointed destiny.

What is life? Life is preparation for eternity.

“He has set eternity in the hearts of men.” Eccl. 3:11

HOW DO I PREPARE FOR ETERNITY?

1. Get to know God.

How? By having a relationship with Him.

“To all who receive Him, Christ gives the right to become children of God.” John 1:12 (LB)

2. Become like Christ.

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Once you're in the family, God wants you to spend the rest of your life developing family characteristics.

"For those who love God ... everything that happens fits into a pattern for good. For God ... chose us to bear the family likeness of His Son, so He might be the eldest of many brothers." Romans 8:28-29 (Ph)

Everything that happens to you is not good, but it fits into a pattern for good. That pattern is to make me like His Son Jesus Christ.

God is far more interested in your character than He is in your convenience and comfort.

3. Practice servicing.

He wants you, while you're here on earth, to learn to think of other people and not just yourself. He wants you to learn to be a giver and not just a taker.

"God, who made us ... have given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ago planned that we should spend these lives in helping others." Eph 2:10 (LB)

Meaning in life comes from servicing!

4. Share life's purposes with other people.

"... this is the wonderful message He has given us to tell others." 2 Cor. 5:19 (LB)

Why does God leave you here on earth after you become a believer? He wants you to share the good news.

The greatest waste is to live your entire life without ever knowing the point of it.

The biggest waste is to know the point of life and still just give your life for temporary things.

The best use of your life is to invest it in something that outlasts it.