Forty Days of Purpose Devotional

Day 1 "God has a purpose for each person."

If we wish to intelligently focus on "purpose," it is also important to think of its various companion words:

- KNOW purpose
- ACCEPT purpose
- LIVE purposefully.

Obviously, the second and third of these depend on the first. How is a Christian to KNOW his purpose? At the heart of the definition of a Christian is submission to God, and therefore the question of 'knowing your purpose' may be restated as 'knowing God's purpose for you'. The process by which God makes His purposes known to human beings is called REVELATION. We know God's purpose for us by revelation. The foundation of God's self-revelation is the Scriptures, which provide a great deal of insight, often with stunning clarity. A good example is found in 2Cor 5:5:

> *". . . so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now it is God who has made us <u>for this very purpose</u> . . ."*

God's purpose for me is to seek Him, find Him, and then, filled with abundant life, to enjoy eternal fellowship with Him! My purpose is to glorify God by receiving all that He wants to give me, and to help others do the same.

- God has a purpose for each person.
- The Bible tells us that God created us in order to love us and be loved by us, forever.

Today, ask God to clearly reveal His heart to you so that you might know His love more and more. Honestly write down your reactions to the Bible's revelation of God's purpose for you – either your testimony, or any trouble you have understanding, accepting, or living according to it