



TOUGH QUESTIONS

Life Changing Answers

What is the Purpose of my Life?

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The World Has Yet to See What God Can Do Through One Man Who is
Wholly Consecrated unto Him. – *Henry Varley*

Henry Varley was a British evangelist who befriended D.L. Moody in Dublin, Ireland around 1872. It was the morning after a revival meeting that the two men sat down and began to talk about the conviction of the Lord. It was during this conversation that Varley said one simple statement that would forever change Moody's life as he declared, "The world has yet to see what God can do through one man who is wholly consecrated unto him."

Moody was shell shocked by these words and the Lord used this one statement to forge a passion of evangelism into his heart. These words also gave Moody a lifelong purpose to live for the glory of God.

During the year of 1873, Moody contacted Varley and thanked him for his life changing message as he declared,

"Those were the words sent to my soul, through you, from the Living God. As I crossed the wide Atlantic, the boards of the deck of the vessel were engraved with them, and when I reached Chicago, the very paving

stones seemed marked with 'Moody, the world has yet to see what God will do with a man fully consecrated to him.' Under the power of those words I have come back to England, and I felt that I must not let more time pass until I let you know how God had used your words to my inmost soul. I vowed on that day to the Lord, 'I will be that man...'"

Finding God's Purpose for Your Life

God has a unique purpose for each person in this life. He created us with special gifts and talents to glorify His holy name and make disciples of many nations. He also gifted each of us with the ability to find His unique purpose in our everyday living. The Apostle Paul introduces a four-fold purpose for every one of us in this life as he writes these words,

Romans 12:1-2 (ESV) –¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Mark Twain – The two most important days of your life are the day you are born, and the day you find out why.

Purpose #1 – Present Your Life as a God Honoring Offering

Purpose #2 – Glorify God in Worship

Purpose #3 – Live a transformed life

Purpose #4 – Live a life of wisdom

- What does it mean to live a life of purpose?
- How does living out God's purpose for your life bring about transformation?
- How can you help others discover God's purpose for their life?

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