

KNOW YOUR PURPOSE

Like you, I have been enjoying this glorious weather as the season of renewal has burst forth. As my trees have gone from naked twigs to beautiful leafy giants, I have noticed the seeds, particularly on a red maple. When the wind blows, a swarm of whirlers, twisters, and whirligigs helicopter their way hundreds of feet beyond. Contained within these little transportation devices is a seed. Somehow, the tree knows its purpose and leaves nothing out. Inherent to its life is the job of reproduction.

Psalm 1:1-6

Blessed is the man

*who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.*

He is like a tree

*planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.*

In all that he does, he prospers.

The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

*Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.*

One of the things that Scripture compares our lives to is agriculture (growing things). As we begin planting gardens during this season, it is clear to us that a seed must germinate and mature before fruitfulness can occur. Only when the correct and healthy maturity occurs, can fruitfulness follow. Many times, we see this as the ultimate conclusion. However, that is not the end. Fruitfulness has a built-in purpose for the plant to reproduce. This is the way according to the Creator of the universe.

As we read His Word, we know that the same is true for our spiritual lives, and it points us to the same three tasks.

Maturity - (1 Corinthians 14:20, Colossians 1:28, Colossians 4:12, Hebrews 5:14)

Fruitfulness - (Psalm 1, Luke 6:44-45, John 15:1-17, Romans 7:4, Galatians 5:16-26, Colossians 1:10, James 3:17)

Reproduction (Matthew 13:1-23, Matthew 28:18-20, John 4:1-45, 2 Corinthians 9:10)

Like the tree, our purpose is to mature in Christ, bear fruit, and reproduce by planting the seeds of the Kingdom.

Do you know your purpose, and are you living into His created order and will? Only with eyes affixed to Him can we stay focused and truly live out our God-given purpose.

Eyes up!

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