

Purpose

Scripture: John 12:1-8

Introduction:

As we go through life, we will have hopes and dreams that fade away. I don't say this to be grim, but sometimes our plans don't work out, or we allow our dreams to die. We even let people stop us from pursuing our heart desires. People and things will try to steal your joy and purpose. However, we must remember that the Lord is the source of our joy and purpose. God has a divine purpose for each of our lives. God beautifully created each of us and gave us each talents and gifts. We can live out our divine purpose if we obey and yield to his way. We must pray and seek the Lord to understand our purpose. We also must not let anything make us doubt the purpose of our lives. God will win every time. He has never lost and doesn't know failure. Therefore, we must trust God and allow him to lead us to pursue and live our purpose victoriously.

Question: What purpose are you intended to do in this season of your life?

Scripture: John 12: 7-8

- 7 "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. 8 You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

Question: Are you letting God's will guide your purpose?

Scripture: Proverbs 19:21

- 21 Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.

Question: Do you believe that following your purpose will allow you to see the goodness of God?

Scripture: Psalm 27:13-14

- 13 I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. 14 Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

Conclusion:

May this lesson serve as encouragement, even in the slightest way. Before we part ways, I invite you to ponder these thought-provoking questions.

- Why did Mary anoint Jesus' feet with expensive oil?
- Are you giving the Lord your best?
- Who are the Judas in your life?
- How will you overcome the negativity and naysayers when pursuing your purpose?
- Are you giving God total control to fulfill his divine purpose for your life?
- Do you believe living in your purpose will be greater than the sacrifices you will make?

Some proclaim that we are living in the most remarkable era in history. With this in mind, we must take advantage of every available resource to ensure we are actively living and pursuing our divine purpose. As we navigate through life, let us always operate in a spirit of obedience guided by the Holy Spirit.