



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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God's purpose for your life involves 3 personal goals. Here they are:

### **1. I Will Glorify God with My Life.**

**Matthew 5:16** – *“Let your light (God’s glory) so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

Like Robert Murray McCheyne used to say, *“Live in such a way as to be missed.”*

Just like the moon reflects the sun, God's children ought to reflect His Son. Our lives should make other people thirsty for the things of God. We are to gaze upon God and glance at the world. Our present Christian culture tends to get this all wrong. Apparently, we are gazing upon the world and glancing at God.

God would have us continue doing what He sent Jesus into this world to do. Live a surrendered life to His perfect and godly will for us.

Jesus said in **John 15:8** – *“By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”*

### **2. I Will Be Conformed to His Likeness**

The Apostle Paul said in **Romans 8:29** – *“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined (God’s purpose for your life) to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”*

How does God conform you into the image of His Son? He does this by the *“inner working of the Holy Spirit.”*

When we tell God “no” it quenches and grieves the Holy Spirit inside of us. This shuts down the spiritual life that can bring God glory and cause us to become more and more like Jesus Christ.



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### 3. I Will Live Surrendered to the Control of the Holy Spirit

We must remember, God is the Potter at the potter's wheel, we are the clay.

**Jeremiah 18:1-6** – *The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying: "Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words." Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something at the wheel. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make. Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying: "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?" says the Lord. "Look, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel!"*

To help you meet your personal spiritual goals, we will be glad to send you a copy of our Bible Study series entitled **Practical Christian Living**. You can choose, from here forward, to live for the glory of God and finish this life well! You will absolutely love it! Write us and we will put it in the mail to you.

Let us help you to be a soul-winner and an encourager to others. If you would like us to mail out literature to those you know who could benefit from it, just send us their names and addresses. We will mail a simple gospel tract and an age-appropriate first Bible lesson. Please be sure to include age information when you make your request. Your children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, co-workers, etc., might be blessed by this material.

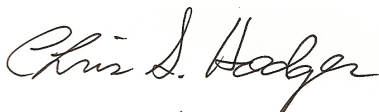
Just think eternally; be reminded that our life here is like a vapor (a brief moment in time).

**James 4:14** - *"whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away."*

Write to us today!

You can know we are continually grateful to you for your many prayers and financial support. We need you! Please continue to share what God has first given you in the Lord's work!

Abiding above,



President

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Colossians 3:1-3