

What do you desire most in life?

What would your answer be when people ask you this question? I have actually never been asked this question. Apparently people are not interested in what I desire most of all in this life. However it is an interesting question and makes one think about our purpose in life and what we live for in this life. We can go ahead and ask this question to some of the important people in the Word of God

What do you desire most in this life Solomon?

2 Chronicles 1:7-12, "That night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

Solomon answered God, "You have shown great kindness to David my father and have made me king in his place. Now, LORD God, let your promise to my father David be confirmed, for you have made me king over a people who are as numerous as the dust of the earth. **Give me wisdom and knowledge**, that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

God said to Solomon, "Since this is your heart's **desire** and you have not asked for wealth, riches or honor, nor for the death of your enemies, and since you have not asked for a long life but for wisdom and knowledge to govern my people over whom I have made you king, therefore wisdom and knowledge will be given you. And I will also give you wealth, riches and honor, such as no king who was before you ever had and none after you will have."

Solomon desired for wisdom and knowledge and this is what God gave him. He did not ask for money, fame or power. It is interesting to note that God gave him great wisdom but God also gave him wealth, power and honor and victory over all his enemies..

What do you desire Job as you are suffering so much?

Job 13:3, "I **desire** to speak to the Almighty and to argue my case with God.

Job desired to communicate with God. He knew that God was in control so he desires to talk to the Lord Almighty.

What is your greatest desire in this life King David?

Psalm 40:8, I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

David lived in God's Word. He meditated on God's Word and obeyed God's Word.

God's will is revealed in His Word. King David's greatest desire in life was to do the will of God. He also desired fellowship with God.

Psalm 73:25, "Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I **desire** besides you.

What is your greatest desire in life Paul?

Romans 10:1, ‘Brothers, my heart's **desire** and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. Paul desired the Salvation of His people. This is a very honorable desire and a token that we love our people, because we desire that they will be saved and go to heaven when they die.

Paul urges the people to desire the Way of Love,

1 Corinthians 12:31, ‘But eagerly **desire** the greater gifts. And now I will show you the most excellent way.’ Then the Apostle writes in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, about this most excellent way which is LOVE, ‘Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. Love never fails.’ Loving people is the most excellent way. Paul is telling us to desire this most excellent way.

What is your desire in life?

It is a good idea to develop a Purpose Statement for our life.

A statement that summarizes God’s purpose for our life.

A statement that explains the desire for our life.

This statement points the direction of our life.

A statement that clarifies purpose in our life.

We look at life’s five greatest questions.

What is the center of my life?

Family? Sport? Money? Having fun? A Career?

What is the character of my life?

What kind of a person am I? How do I respond to people?

What is the contribution of my life?

What can I accomplish in this life?

What is the communication of my life.

What do others see and hear when they look at me?

What is the community of my life?

This involves commitment to others.

We have some examples of Purpose Statements in the Bible:

Joshua : *“As for me and my house we will serve the Lord”* Joshua 24:15

Paul: *“For me to live is Christ and to die is gain”*. Philippians 1:21

Paul: *“I can do everything through Him who gives me strength”*. Phil. 4:13

A Purpose Statement can be short or long.

I attended Columbia Bible College in Columbia, South Carolina.

The Purpose Statement of the school is:

“To Know Him and To Make Him Known”.

Here we have some examples of a Purpose Statement:

“My purpose in life is to become rich”

“My purpose in life is to promote self”

“My purpose in life is the welfare of my family”

“My life purpose is to love Christ, grow in Christ, share Christ and serve Christ through His church and lead my family to do the same.”

“My goal is to be like Christ”.

“My life purpose is to worship Christ with my all heart, serve Him with my all my facilities and fulfill His mission in the world so He receives all the glory”.

“My life purpose is to be a member of Christ’s family, a model of His character, a minister of His grace, a messenger of His Word and a magnifier of His glory”.

The first President of Indonesia, **Soekarno**, had a Purpose Statement consisting of only one word, “MERDEKA”.

Mohamed Ali also had a Purpose Statement, **“I am the greatest”**, as he told the world time and time again, He was great boxer indeed defending his title of world heavy weight champion nine times and becoming the first heavyweight to win the title three times by defeating Sonny Listen, George Foreman and Leon Spinks.

My own Purpose Statement has been **“to obey the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ and teach others to do the same”**. So my main mission in Indonesia has been to set up 7 missionary training centers.

An American evangelist **D.L. Moody** had a Purpose Statement, **“The world has yet to see what God can do through a man totally committed to Him and by the grace of God I want to be that man”**.

The Purpose Statement of our **Lord Jesus Christ** is found written in John 6:38 ***“For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of Him who sent me”***.

The Purpose Statement of God Almighty is found in John 6:40 as stated by the Lord Jesus, **“For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life”**.

WHAT IS YOUR PURPOSE STATEMENT?

When writing your Purpose Statement we need to remember The Word of the Lord in 1 Thessalonians 2:4, **“We are not trying to please men but God”**.

Rick Warren points out that **“One day God will review your answers to these life questions:**

Did you put Jesus at the center of your life?

Did you develop His character in your life?

Did you devote your life to serving others?

Did you communicate His message and fulfill His Mission?

Did you love and participate in His family?

These are the only issues that will count!