

Living an Excellent Life
Your Purpose
Genesis 1:27-31a

God knew the specific purpose you were born to fulfill, so He provided all the gifts you would need, including the environment required to put it all together. Then, He looked at you and said, "Very good." Do you say this about yourself? It is important that you can and do because others will treat you according to how you treat yourself! It is not pride, but a healthy self image based on God's opinion of you.

Your opinion of yourself will determine how far you will go in life. God created us 'very good' and if we feel any less than that about ourselves we are feeling and thinking what is contrary to God's belief and creation of us. I believe that we are to do something great. If so, we must figure out what is the most important

I. _____ think or speak negatively about yourself that puts you in disagreement with God.

- A. _____ on your God-given strengths.
- B. _____ to encourage yourself, for much of the time nobody else will.
- C. _____ compare yourself with anybody else. You are unique, one of a kind, an original.

II. _____ on your potential, not your limitations. Remember, God lives in you.

- A. _____ what you like to do.
 - 1. Do it well and with excellence.
- B. _____ the courage to be different.
- C. _____ a God pleaser, not a people pleaser.

III. _____ to handle criticism. Let it develop you not discourage you.

- A. _____ your own worth instead of letting others do it for you.
- B. _____ your shortcomings in prospective. God is not finished with you yet.
- C. _____ daily on your greatest source of confidence; the God who lives in you.

Conclusion

- 1. _____ we are made in the image of God. v. 27
- 2. _____ was deliberate in creation. v. 28-30
- 3. People were not made good, but we were made _____. v. 31