

BIBLE WORK

What does the Bible say about the purpose of life?

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

PROVERBS 19:21

Losing a loved one causes many to question the purpose of life, especially a life cut short. After all, our purpose in life is the very meaning of our existence. In times of great sorrow, we can't help but wonder whether our loved one's life mattered. Does every life young and old have an impact on the world around us? Does every life hold meaning?

In the Bible, we're reassured that the Lord has a plan for us, a future, and that the plans of the Lord stand firm forever. In **Ephesians 2:10**, we're told that we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. In **Acts 13:36**, we're told that when David had served God's purpose, he fell asleep and was buried with his ancestors where his body decayed.

If it is the duty of all mankind to keep God's commandments, what purpose does the death of a child hold? Does God have a purpose for a loved one who died by suicide? Is a premature death at the hands of an overdose or an accident some kind of punishment, or do we trust there are invisible lessons to be had that only God himself knows about?

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF LIFE?

Does the Bible's portrayal of our purpose bring comfort? If so, what scriptures do you find helpful?

ANSWER:



SCRIPTURES TO EXPLORE

- JOB 42:2
- PROVERBS 16:4
- JEREMIAH 29:11
- PSALM 33:11

MY SCRIPTURES

