

## MY DETERMINED PURPOSE

### To know Christ and make Him known

“Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.”  
~ Westminster Catechism

#### Ten ways to glorify God all day and every day:

In our thoughts, In our words, In our deeds, In our attitude, In our physical self.  
In good and bad times, In our work, In our play, In our evangelizing, In our relationships.

#### KNOWING CHRIST:

It appears that Jesus was the first to coin this idea of our life purpose.  
*John 17:3 (ESV) And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*

There are two ways of knowing Christ: We can know Him in our head and we can know Him in our heart. We can have an **outward knowledge** of Him by reading the Scriptures or hearing others speak of Him; we can know Him with an **inward knowledge** when He grants us a revelation of Himself.

#### MAKING CHRIST KNOWN:

The Lord is made known when we have allowed Him to imprint Himself, the Living Word upon our hearts. In so doing, we become Living Epistles.

The most powerful witness is the hand print of God on our life. When we have allowed the Holy Spirit to do this in our hearts, our words will carry the weight of heaven behind them. The Lord wants to take us from having a revelation, to BEING the revelation; from having the Word to BEING the Word.

Our life may be the only Bible, the only Word from God, some people may ever see. A famous preacher once said, “Preach the Words always, speak if you must.”

#### By what means in our life does God use mostly to bring glory to Himself?

God can get more glory...  
out of our failures than our successes,  
out of our lows than our highs,  
out of our pain than when we are feeling great,  
out of our troubles than when we are on easy street.

#### Reasons why God brings hardship in our life:

1. to mature us in our faith. (James 1:2–4)
2. to make Him known to others. (1 Peter 3:14–17)