



Romans 15:22-24

<sup>22</sup> This is why I have often been hindered from coming to you.

<sup>23</sup> But now that there is no more place for me to work in these regions, and since I have been longing for many years to visit you, <sup>24</sup> I plan to do so when I go to Spain. I hope to see you while passing through and to have you assist me on my journey there, after I have enjoyed your company for a while. <sup>25</sup> Now, however, I am on my way to Jerusalem in the service of the Lord's people there. <sup>26</sup> For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the Lord's people in Jerusalem. <sup>27</sup> They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings. <sup>28</sup> So after I have completed this task and have made sure that they have received this contribution, I will go to Spain and visit you on the way. <sup>29</sup> I know that when I come to you, I will come in the full measure of the blessing of Christ.





God's purpose in our lives requires intentional focus, trust in His timing, and faithful planning

## 2 Corinthians 11:23-29

<sup>23</sup> Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. <sup>24</sup> Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. <sup>25</sup> Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, <sup>26</sup> I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. <sup>27</sup> I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. <sup>28</sup> Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. <sup>29</sup> Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?

## Practical Steps to Discover Your Purpose:

- **Start serving where you are** - purpose often becomes clear through action rather than contemplation
- **Pay attention** to what brings you deep joy and what needs you notice around you
- **Ask trusted spiritual mentors** what gifts they see in you
- **Look for patterns** in how God has used you to help others

## **Ephesians 2:10**

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

## **Esther 4:14**

“Who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”







### **Proverbs 16:9**

In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.

### **Proverbs 19:21**

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



- **Finish What You Start**

- **Keep Your Promises**

- **Think Big**

- **Be Flexible**

- **Include Others**



## Practical steps for daily living:

- **Begin Each Day with Surrender:**
  - Before your feet hit the floor, pray: "God, show me Your purpose for today"
  - Submit your plans to His lordship
  - Ask for wisdom to discern His timing
- **Make Kingdom-Focused Decisions:**
  - Filter choices through God's Word
  - Consider the eternal impact of your actions
  - Stay aligned with God's revealed will
  - Ask: "Will this choice honor God and serve others?"
- **End Each Day in Reflection:**
  - Review where God was working
  - Assess how you responded to His leading
  - Thank Him for His guidance, even in unexpected directions
  - Plan tomorrow with lessons learned today