

# God's Plan for Our Life

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<sup>9</sup>“But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

<sup>10</sup> for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

<sup>12</sup> Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation.”

As we search to discover God's plan for our lives, we should consider three things:

**1. Glorifying God.** We are commanded to let our light shine before men, so we will bear spiritual fruit that glorifies the Lord. As our life increasingly follows the pattern of the Savior's, our thoughts and responses will bring Jesus praise and point other people to Him.

**2. Conforming to Christ's likeness.** In considering any decision, we should ask ourselves, *will this help me become more like Jesus or tempt me in my weaker areas and cause me to turn away from Him?* If we submit our minds and emotions to the Lord, His Spirit will build Jesus' character qualities into our life. As we rely on the Holy Spirit, He will help us make wise decisions and guide us safely past temptation.

**3. Following the Lord's will.** When deciding how to proceed, it's wise to ask, *Is this in line with God's known will?* Throughout the Scriptures, the heavenly Father has revealed what pleases Him. His commands are clear regarding the way born-again believers should live. Our home, business, and community life are to function according to His will.

Wherever you are, don't let yourself be pressured into actions or decisions that would be displeasing to God. Train yourself to stop and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal whether each choice will bring God glory, help to develop Christ's character in you, and keep you in the center of God's plan and purpose. Wait on Him, and do not step ahead until you have an answer.