

What is Your Purpose for Living?

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It would be interesting to hear people give the reason for their existence. It is truly amazing to see the masses of people who are marching toward a plot in the cemetery who have no idea why they exist. They just exist. I personally know many "good moral" men and women who have worked hard all their lives. They have taken good care of their families; they have been good honest citizens and great neighbors; and they have made all the necessary preparations for the here-and-now.

They say they believe in God and the Bible, but they never worship with the church; they never study the Bible or act as if they believe in a life beyond the grave.

Surely our existence must mean more than the few swiftly passing years we have on earth. What is the purpose of this life? This life is a time that we have to display to God that we truly want to serve Him and live with Him in the life to come. The Bible says, "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

After we die we will be judged according to our works and deeds that we have done while on earth (Matthew 25:31-46; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:12, 13). If we are not making preparation for the great day of Judgment, then we should answer the above question by admitting that we have no purpose for living, and that our life is nothing more than a day by day exercise in vanity.