

## No. 60      What Is Your Purpose in Life?

PLEASE NOTE: Help those who know little about the Bible or who lack belief in a personal God to see how they can choose a satisfying purpose in life. If you wish, you may use the provided artwork to illustrate the points indicated

### HOW WILL YOU CHOOSE YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE? (4 min.)

A person's purpose in life may be influenced by his culture or family background

Some are strongly influenced by tradition or by duty to family

Some pursue higher education, fame, or riches as their purpose in life

What we believe about God can greatly affect how we use our life (g 3/15 4 ¶1-4)

Evidence of a Creator surrounds us, but many do not know who he is (Ro 1:19, 20; Heb 3:4)

### WHO IS OUR CREATOR? (6 min.)

The Bible teaches that our Creator is not an impersonal force but rather a loving Father whose name is Jehovah [Read Isaiah 42:8] (Mt 6:9; w20.02 3 ¶4)

He has many outstanding qualities; his foremost quality is love (Ex 34:6; 1Jo 4:8)

Jehovah has a purpose for everything he creates, including us (Ec 12:13; Isa 45:18; w11 11/1 21)

He takes a loving personal interest in us, and he cares about how we use our life (Ps 32:8)

### WE CAN "DRAW CLOSE TO GOD" (7 min.)

Jehovah invites us to have a personal relationship with him [Read James 4:8] [Image 1]

We come to know him by studying the Bible (Joh 17:3; w15 4/15 21 ¶7)

We can speak openly to him in prayer (Ps 62:8; 65:2)

We benefit when we draw close to God (Ps 73:28; Isa 48:17, 18)

In the Bible, we find practical wisdom from our Creator (wp17.1 6-7)

[Relate an experience that shows how a person's life improved after coming to know Jehovah. See, for example, *The Watchtower*, November 1, 2012, pages 10-11, 13-14]

### KNOWING JEHOVAH SHOULD AFFECT OUR PURPOSE IN LIFE (8 min.)

Knowing Jehovah should influence our values, priorities, and goals

As we come to know Jehovah, our love for him grows (Mr 12:28-30)

Our love for God must be stronger than our desire to please any human

When we develop strong love for Jehovah, we are moved to do the following:

*We follow God's loving direction* (Pr 3:5, 6)

We are willing to make any needed changes to gain his friendship (Ps 37:5) [Image 2]

We choose not to use this world "to the full" (1Co 7:31)

We make it our priority to help others come to know Jehovah (Mt 6:33)

*We accept God's invitation to belong to him* (Ro 14:8; 1Pe 3:21; w20.03 9 ¶4-5) [Image 3]

When we dedicate ourselves to God, doing his will becomes our purpose in life (1Pe 4:2)

We care for family and other responsibilities in a way that honors God

### YOU CAN HAVE A SATISFYING PURPOSE IN LIFE (5 min.)

All of us must choose our purpose in life

A life focused on acquiring wealth results in pain and futility (Pr 23:4, 5)

We "cannot slave for God and for Riches" (Mt 6:19, 20, 24)

Choosing to worship Jehovah results in a satisfying, meaningful life [Read Proverbs 10:22]

Continue taking in knowledge of God and drawing close to him

Using your life to praise Jehovah will bring lasting blessings (1Jo 2:17)

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section.

Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School* book, pages 52-55, 166-169]

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