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My Determined Purpose

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Zig Ziglar, the renowned teacher, author, motivational speaker and life-coach, was famous for challenging people to live lives as “Meaningful Specifics” instead of “Wandering Generalities”. Here are a few keys to living your life as a “Meaningful Specific”.

- **You must know what you want.** The Bible says in Psalm 37:4, “Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.” God made you for a purpose. Spend time getting to know Him. Enjoy Him and He will plant in you desires to fulfill and accomplish the purpose for which you were born.
- **You must know why you want it.** I was once taught that everyone’s favorite “radio” station is WIIFM – What’s In It For Me? How about enjoying the full and complete blessing of God on your life? Would that be good enough? The Bible says in Deuteronomy 28 that God wants to bless us with a life full of success and significance. This chapter of Scripture gives an overview of how to have it. It is the way towards a full and meaningful life.
- **You must have a plan to attain it.** The Bible says in Jeremiah 29:11, “I know what I am planning for you, says the Lord. I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future.” If God loves you and has a great plan for your life, a plan that yields the life you really want to live, wouldn’t it be a great idea to find out what it is and pursue it?
- **You must be willing to work on that plan.** A magnificent home is not built just because somebody makes a blueprint. An athlete doesn’t win a championship just by showing up. There are no entitlement programs in God’s economy. When Nehemiah was allowed to return to Jerusalem and rebuild its walls he first made a personal inspection, constructed a plan and then organized the people to carry out the plan. When his enemies came, he adapted. He worked on the plan and made sure everyone knew his job and did it. Read the book of Nehemiah.
- **You must avoid distractions.** Sometimes we lose focus. Many worthy things (as well as some that are unworthy) steal away our time from what is most important. The Bible says to “lay aside every weight” and “run with endurance the race that is before us” (Hebrews 12:2) in order to accomplish God’s plan. Don’t sacrifice the best for that which is merely good . . . or worse.
- **You must work until the task is completed.** In John 17:4 Jesus said, “I have glorified you, Father, by completing the task that You gave me to do.” Your greatest accomplishment in life, your greatest joy, will be wrapped up in completing that for which God created you. Finish strong!

“For my determined purpose is that I may know Him . . . and the power of His resurrection” – Philippians 3:10