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HANDOUT

PURPOSEFUL LIVING
MASTER CLASS 1

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Very Important Truth about Purpose

Often times we tend to define Purpose in relation to passion, interest and desires.

That is nice but,

-The passion that lives you at the level of Complaining is not Purpose.

-The interest that only targets you and what you will gain is not purpose.

-The desires that only make you a commentator of the problem is not purpose.

Let's consider this short story:

“People visit a wise man complaining about the same problems over and over again.

One day, he decided to tell them a joke and they all roared with laughter.

After a few minutes, he told them the same joke and only a few of them smiled.

Then he told the same joke for a third time, but no one laughed or smiled anymore.

The wise man smiled and said: 'You can't laugh at the same joke over and over. So why are you always crying about the same problem?'"

Complaints only make sense 'ONCE'.

Instead of Complaining about that problem, find a way to solve it_ that makes more sense to people.

That is what 'Purpose' is all about_ finding that peculiar problems you are wired to solve.

Hence, Purpose can be defined as that divine intention of God for letting you come to this earth which is geared towards solving peculiar problems on earth.

Before anything is created, a model is designed based on the problems it will solve (its purpose). That is, purpose is determined before creation. Which means Purpose determine the structure of the creation?

Your structure is as a result of the why you were created.

Why is Purpose discovery Important?

"God chose him for this purpose long before the world began, but only recently was he brought into public view (revealed), in these

last days, as A Blessing to You."

1Peter 1:20 (emphasis is mine).

Your purpose has been determined even before you were born_ what is happening to you now is discovery of what has been determined. And the discovery will bring salvation (freedom) to those that are tied to it.

Everything that has happened pre-existed the creation of the world.

Exiting where? In God.

What made them visible is 'discovery'.

That is why the scriptures say "God hides things because he is great. But great kings discover things." (Proverbs 25:2).

Simple Steps to Discover Purpose

1. Get in touch with the manufacturer. The best and most effective way to know the Purpose of a thing is to ask the manufacturer. So, expectantly talk to God and He will reveal His intention to you. You do this by delighting yourself in Him.

2. Pay attention to the desire that comes as a result of your contact with the manufacturer (God). He (God) will speak to you by placing a desire in your heart. That desire is a clue to the problem you are to solve.

UNDERSTANDING GOAL SETTING

The Society has created a structure that has limited many potential problem solvers.

The Society says life and accomplishments is simply going to school, have degree and

get a good job.

That is why, what suppose to be a vehicle becomes a destination.

What supposes to be 'a means' becomes 'the end'.

That will bring us into looking at the two types of Goals.

- Means Goal
- End Goal

- **Means Goal:** they are not actually the basis for fulfillment even though, you can use them to assess your progress. They vehicle that drives you to the end Goal.

Consider the Story of Strive Masiyiwa;

Make sure you read it carefully.

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Done with his tertiary education, Strive Masiyiwa joined the corporate world. For a short while, he worked in the tech industry in Cambridge, England. In 1984, he returned to the post-colonial, newly independent Zimbabwe.

Strive Masiyiwa was ready to begin rebuilding his country.

He was employed as a senior engineer at the state-owned telephone Zimbabwean company, Posts and Telecommunications Corporations (PTC). Strive's brilliance and excellent work ethic caused his superiors to fast-track his promotion from senior to principal engineer in the corporation in a short period of time.

Despite career progress, there was something lacking. Strive Masiyiwa was disturbed by incessant government formalities hindering the progress of the

industry. And in 1988, he quit PTC to start his own company, Retrofit Engineering. It was a move that earned him Zimbabwe's Youngest Businessman of the Year Award in 1990.

Do you notice the places, what he studied and where he worked before he started his own company?

His education was a necessary vehicle for his great end.

His job was also a necessary vehicle for his great end.

- **End goal:** the focus of an End goal is 'People_ solution that affects the people.

Your End goal is an interpretation of your Purpose.

It defines your Destination.

It is the basis for fulfillment and satisfaction.

How do I set goals Void of societal influence, you may ask?

Let me give you the questions to ask yourself in order to set the right goal;

1. What kind of experience do I want to have?
2. How do I grow?
3. How do I give back to the society?

Write out your answers as we will throw more light in the part two of this Master class.

Questions and Answers

Q1. Does it mean that someone that has no purpose in life can never achieve success?

Answer: there is no one that has no purpose. Everyone does.

Like I said earlier, before a man is not fulfilling Purpose doesn't mean there is no purpose. The issue is lack of discovery.

Of course one can have a show of success but success that is not based on Purpose is defective success.

Q2. Why is purpose hard to discover?

Answer: It is not really hard to find purpose. The challenge is, we tend to allow schemes rule our life.

We have many different 'how' to find Purpose that is why it seems difficult.

Follow the steps I gave in this lesson and you will see how easy it is to find purpose.

Q3. Does it mean that if someone has his or her purpose in life then the fear of failure is not noticed?

Answer: Permit me to reframe the question. Does it mean purpose discovery, eradicate fear?

Yes! Your purpose is your strength. When it is discovered, it set you above fear.

Q4. Thank you sir for the teaching

My question is why does purpose takes time to be discovered?

Answer: It doesn't really take eternity to discover Purpose. It takes only deliberate attention to discover.

When you give attention to that God given desires drawing you to a particular problem and how to solve it, it will become clearer.

It may take sometimes to completely define it but it won't take too long.

Q5. Thank you very much Sir for this life changing platform.

How can we differentiate our passion from our real purpose?

Answer: passion strong emotions that often time s decline. They represent what you love doing. But Purpose is beyond just an emotion and what you love doing_ it is force that draw to a particular problem to solve it.

You can build your passion around your

purpose but don't build your purpose around
your Passion.

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