

# Why I Exist

SERIES: QUESTIONS I HAVE FOR JESUS  
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## KEY VERSE

"David served God's purpose in his generation..."  
-Acts 13:36

## I. IF I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSE OF LIFE...

1. ... LIFE SEEMS \_\_\_\_\_

"Life is useless, all useless. You spend your life working... but what do you have to show for it? ... The world just stays the same."  
-Eccl. 1:2-4 (GN)

2. ... LIFE SEEMS \_\_\_\_\_

"The sun rises and goes down... the wind blows round and round and back again. Every river flows into the sea... [then] the water returns to where the river began and starts all over again. Everything leads to weariness..."  
-Eccl. 1:4-8 (GN)

3. ... LIFE SEEMS \_\_\_\_\_

"No matter how much we see, we're never satisfied; no matter how much we hear, we're not content. History merely repeats itself."  
-Eccl. 1:8-10 (LB)

4. ... LIFE SEEMS \_\_\_\_\_

"No one remembers what has happened in the past, and no one in days to come will remember what happens between now and then."  
- Eccl. 1:11 (GN)

5. ... LIFE SEEMS \_\_\_\_\_

"You can't straighten out what is crooked; you can't count things that aren't there!"  
-Eccl. 1:15 (GN)

## II. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF LIFE?

"Long ago, even before he made the world, God chose us to be his very own through what Christ would do for us... His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us."  
-Eph. 1:4-5 (LB)

"This is his purpose: that when the time is ripe he will gather us all together... to be with him in Christ forever."  
-Eph. 1:10 (LB)

LIFE IS \_\_\_\_\_ FOR ETERNITY!

"He has planted eternity in the human heart."  
-Eccl. 3:11 (NIV)

## III. HOW DO I PREPARE FOR ETERNITY?

1. GET TO KNOW \_\_\_\_\_

"To all who receive him, Christ gives the right to become children of God."  
-John 1:12 (LB)

2. USE MY \_\_\_\_\_ IN VIEW OF ETERNITY.

"Use your time in the best way you can."  
-Col 4:5 (ICB)

3. USE MY \_\_\_\_\_ IN VIEW OF ETERNITY.

"Use every part of your body to give glory back to God."  
-1 Cor. 6:20 (LB)

4. USE MY \_\_\_\_\_ IN VIEW OF ETERNITY.

"Use your money to do good... always being ready to share whatever God has given you. By doing this you will be storing up real treasure for yourselves in heaven -- it is the only safe investment for eternity! AND you will live a fruitful Christian life down here as well."  
-1 Tim. 6:18-19 (RLB)

### ANSWER KEY:

Useless; Tire some; Unfulfilling; Insignificant; Uncontrollable; Practice; Jesus  
Christ; Time; Talents; Treasure

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