

## Choose Joy Part 3: Pursuing Purpose

*“Sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet **possessing everything**.” 2 Corinthians 6:10 NIV*

**Purpose: an objective to be reached; a target; an aim; a goal**

**My purpose isn't just one thing.**

*“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good **things** he planned for us long ago.” Ephesians 2:10 NLT*

*“You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so **wonderfully complex**! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. Psalms 139:13-14 NLT*

*“This is what God said: “Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy **plans** for you: A prophet to the nations—that’s what I had in mind for you.” Jeremiah 1:4-5 MSG*

*“For I know the **plans** I have for you,” declares the Lord, “**plans** to prosper you and not to harm you, **plans** to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11 NIV*

*“The **thief’s purpose** is to steal and kill and destroy. **My purpose** is to give them a rich and satisfying life.” John 10:10 NLT*

**1. To create** – make something new.

*“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1 NKJV*

**2. To rest** – take a break.

*“And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.” Genesis 2:2-3 NKJV*

**3. To work hard** – labor or expend effort.

*“Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.”  
Genesis 2:15 NKJV*

**4. To be in a family** – belong.

*“Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.” Genesis 2:18 NLT*

**5. To know God personally** – have a friendship.

*“And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?””  
Genesis 3:8-9 NKJV*

**6. To be fruitful** – produce something in my life.

*“Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” Genesis 1:28 NKJV*

**7. To multiply** – reproduce something in others.

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*“It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, **part of the overall purpose** he is working out in everything and everyone.” Ephesians 1:11-12 MSG*