

The Genius of Jesus Part 7: Purposeful

(Luke 2:49 NKJV) And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

(Luke 19:10 NIV) For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

(Colossians 2:6-7 NIV) So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

1. Know God.

(Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

(John 14:15 NASB) If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

2. Find freedom.

(1 John 1:9 NIV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

(James 5:16 NIV) Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

3. Discover purpose.

(1 Corinthians 9:24-27 NLT) Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.

4. Make a difference.

(Romans 15:13 NIV) May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(1 Corinthians 3:12 NIV) May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.