

# Educational on Purpose

What do Masons Do? What is our purpose?

The answer we all learn is “We Make Good Men Better”. How do we do that? Our degrees teach us about Virtue, Morality, Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. We’re taught to live by the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Do these principles give us purpose in life?

This morning I had a nice hour and a half discussion with my business coach “Knowing Your Purpose” Here is an excerpt from his book failure to implement (by Howard Partridge).

Mark Twain quipped, “The two most important days of in a person’s life is the day they were born and the day they find out why”. If you don’t know your purpose, you won’t have the energy you need to pursue your most meaningful goals.

We should always ask ourselves why we do what we do. This relates to all of us working or retired. We should think about our life goals and why we want them. We should think about the principles we live by and ask why they matter. In fact, we should continually ask ourselves these questions on a daily basis. Everything we do should have a why behind it.

When you know your purpose, you’ll be inspired. When you finally realize that God made you for a reason, it gives you an amazing amount of energy and confidence. When your life and your work have a higher calling, you will be more energized to pursue it with a greater level of commitment and passion.

Also, when you don’t know your purpose, you’ll set the wrong goals. You’ll be headed in the wrong direction. As someone aptly said, “The only thing worse than climbing the ladder of success is realizing it is leaning against the wrong wall”.

You may not know what your life calling is quite yet. Most people don’t. But when you understand the purpose of living – of becoming – and you know that the reason you were born will show up sooner or later, you will live life with more joy and fulfillment.

Think of this!

Really think about this!

What would your world miss out on if you didn’t exist? What will the world miss out on if you don’t live out your purpose? The question is then, why were you created. Everyone’s heard the saying God has a plan for your life. Discovering that plan is your life journey. Many of us don’t discover their purpose till later in life, but that doesn’t mean we can’t get some clues now.

The three clues to discover your purpose are your potential, the problem you want to solve and your passion.

1. Your Potential – Your gifts, talents and experiences. You can’t discover why you are here until you know who you are!

2. The Problem – What is the problem or issue in the world you want to solve? Let me relate this to some of us in this room. For those of you who are Shriners. Why did you become a Shriner? Many become Shriners to wear a funny hat and drive a little car and have fun, myself included. But once you become a Shriner you see the problems that need to be solved. The true meaning of being a Shriner is helping children get a quality of life they couldn't receive anywhere else. The problem we want to solve is helping these children walk, run, talk or even smile for the first time. Watch them grow up to live meaningful lives. And when you meet a shrine child you know what you are doing serves a greater purpose.
3. Your Passion – What do you love to do? What would you do for free? If you didn't have bills, a mortgage, or any responsibilities in your life, what would be your one goal? What would you do?

I could go on and on but let me finish up with this. I started out asking you; what do Masons do? What is our purpose. Think about your purpose. Think about your God given gifts, talents and your passion. How can you change your world and the world around you? How you can inspire the people around you to seek their purpose. As a Mason I challenge each and every one of you to step up in your Lodge. Share your potential and passions and help your brother's become better men but more importantly, better Masons - Thank you.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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