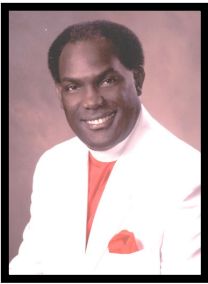


## Ask Bishop Dennison



**Q.** *I am a 32-year old Christian woman with a good job. I volunteer in the church in two different areas and I am raising two wonderful children. Even with all of this, I do not feel like I know my purpose. Some people, even those younger than me, just know what they are supposed to do. These people seem to pursue purpose with passion and God opens the doors of opportunity for them. At my age, I feel like I should know my purpose, and yet I do not. What steps should I take to learn my purpose? Thanks in advance for your response.*

**A.** The answer to your question is found in your question: “These people seem to pursue purpose with passion.” In order for us to learn our purpose, we must pursue purpose with passion. Passion is the energy of our soul; intense emotion compelling action; and a strong devotion to an activity or concept. It is enthusiasm combined with zeal. Here are some steps that you should take to pursue your purpose.

1. Realize that passion is the deciding difference. Passion makes the difference in our lives.
2. Associate with people of passion: people that are passion-driven and purpose-driven.
3. Recognize that consistent passion comes from within. It is not dependent on changing circumstances. The bible says in Galatians 4:18, “But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you.”
4. There must be a thirsting and seeking for God’s will to be done in our lives. We must have a real or genuine love for the time that we spend with God and in His word, delighting in His presence. This should not be perceived as a duty.
5. Continue to apply the word of truth to every situation and accept the entirety of God’s word as truth.
6. We must have a continued heart of repentance and forgiveness.

When we have done the things that I have mentioned, it will enable us to clarify our pasts and discover our future. Then, we can pursue our calling and we will fulfill our purpose.

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